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DEATH OF WOLVERINE[®]

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DEADPOOL & CAPTAIN AMERICA

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DEATH OF WOLVERINE

ONCE UPON A TIME, THERE WAS A GUY NAMED WOLVERINE. SOME PEOPLE CALLED HIM LOGAN. SOME PEOPLE CALLED HIM JAMES HOWLETT. SOME PEOPLE CALLED HIM PATCH, BECAUSE HE WAS WEARING AN EYEPATCH AND THEY DID NOT HAVE MUCH IN THE WAY OF IMAGINATION. "HEY, NICE EYEPATCH! I'M GONNA CALL YOU 'PATCH!'" HONESTLY. ANYWAY, WHATEVER YOU CALL HIM, HE DIED.

BACK WHEN HE WAS ALIVE, HE KNEW A GUY NAMED STEVE AND A GUY NAMED WADE. THE THREE HAD ONE BIG THING IN COMMON—THEY HAD ALL BEEN TURNED INTO LIVING WEAPONS BY A SECRET GOVERNMENT PROGRAM. STEVE WAS THEIR SUCCESS STORY—HE WAS CAPTAIN AMERICA. WADE WAS THEIR FAILURE STORY—HE BECAME THE UNCONTROLLABLE DEADPOOL. "PATCH"? HE WAS RIGHT DOWN THE MIDDLE—THE VICIOUS, UNSTOPPABLE KILLER WHO BECAME A HERO. WHO THEN, LIKE I SAID, BECAME DEAD.

POINT IS, WADE, STEVE, AND LOGAN GREW TO RESPECT EACH OTHER. AND THEN LOGAN GREW DEAD.

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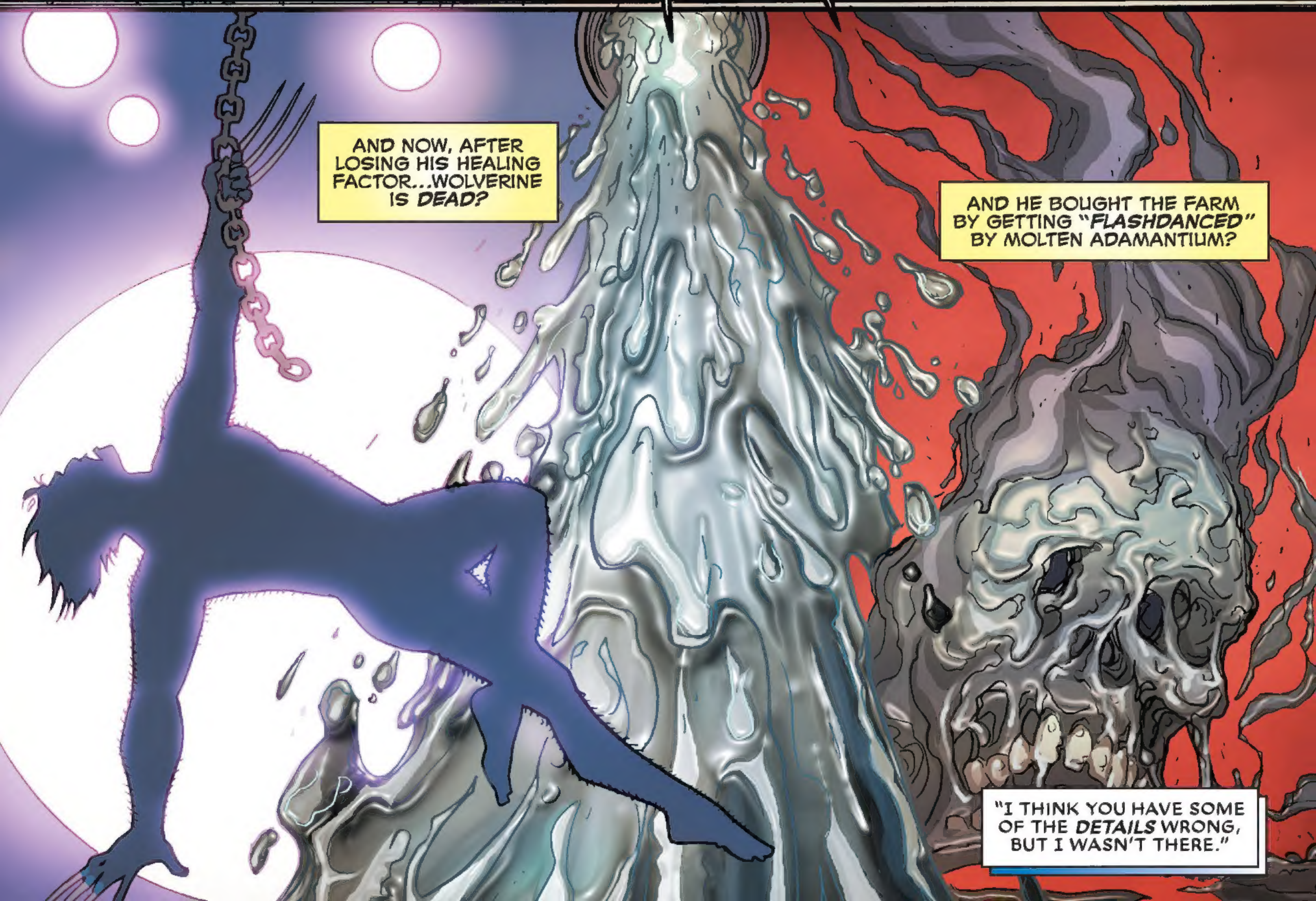
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HE WAS THE
BEST AT WHAT
HE DID...

...AND WHAT HE
DID WASN'T
VERY NICE.

HE WAS
UNKILLABLE.



AND NOW, AFTER
LOSING HIS HEALING
FACTOR...WOLVERINE
IS DEAD?

AND HE BOUGHT THE FARM
BY GETTING "FLASHDANCED"
BY MOLTEN ADAMANTIUM?

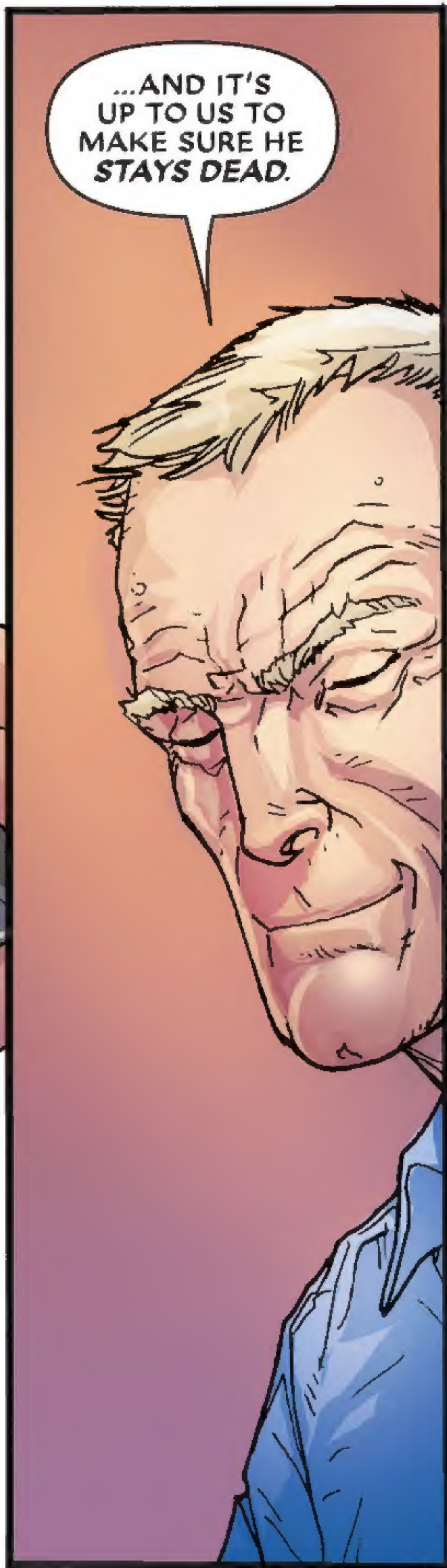
"I THINK YOU HAVE SOME
OF THE DETAILS WRONG,
BUT I WASN'T THERE."



AVENGERS MANSION.



...AND IT'S UP TO US TO MAKE SURE HE STAYS DEAD.



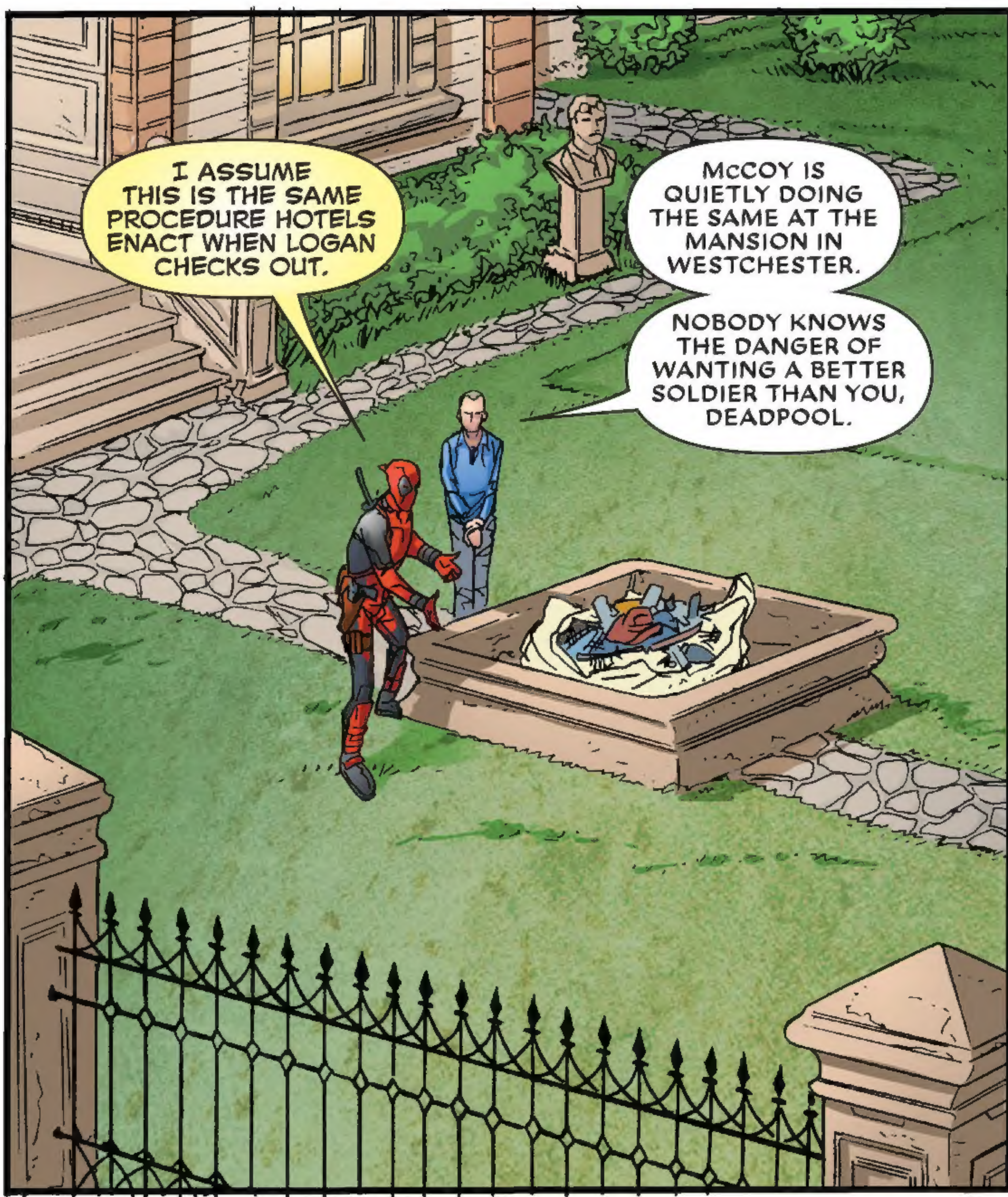
I'VE DONE A LOT OF HORRIBLE THINGS IN THIS UNIFORM, BUT I'VE NEVER DONE ANYTHING AS DISGUSTING AS CLEAN LOGAN'S THRONE. HIS HAIR HAD HAIR.



WE CAN'T LEAVE ANY TRACE OF LOGAN'S DNA TO BE SUBVERTED.

OUR ENEMIES WILL SURELY TRY TO TURN THIS TO THEIR ADVANTAGE. THE HAND ALONE WOULD STOP AT NOTHING TO RESURRECT HIM.





I ASSUME THIS IS THE SAME PROCEDURE HOTELS ENACT WHEN LOGAN CHECKS OUT.

McCOY IS QUIETLY DOING THE SAME AT THE MANSION IN WESTCHESTER.

NOBODY KNOWS THE DANGER OF WANTING A BETTER SOLDIER THAN YOU, DEADPOOL.



YOU COULD HAVE HIRED A SEXY MAID TO DO THIS JOB...

SO TELL ME WHY I'M REALLY HERE.

WIDOW IS TRACKING AN OBJECT...



"...A BLADE THAT WAS USED AGAINST LOGAN RECENTLY... YOU AND I ARE BACKSTOPPING HER.

"I WANT TO KEEP THE CIRCLE SMALL ON THIS. I DON'T WANT ANY GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO BE TEMPTED TO MISUSE LOGAN'S DNA."

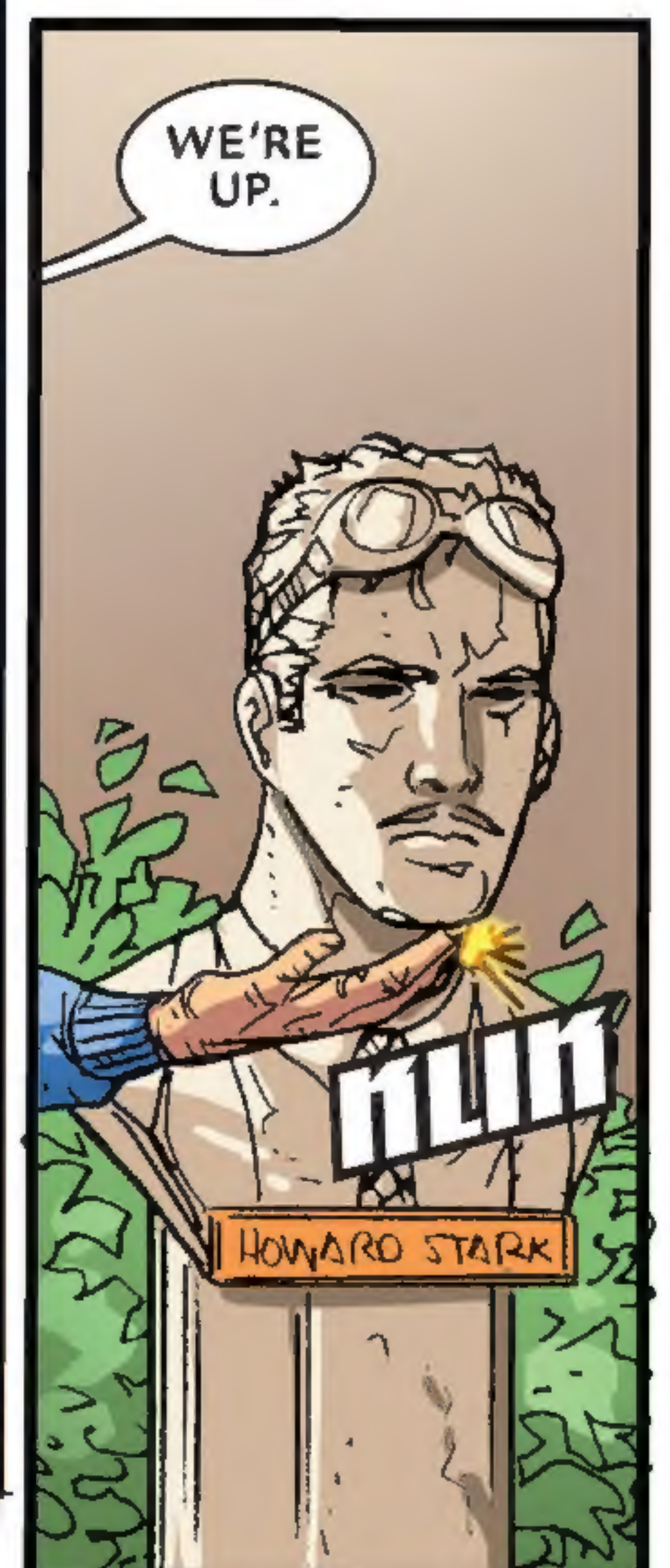


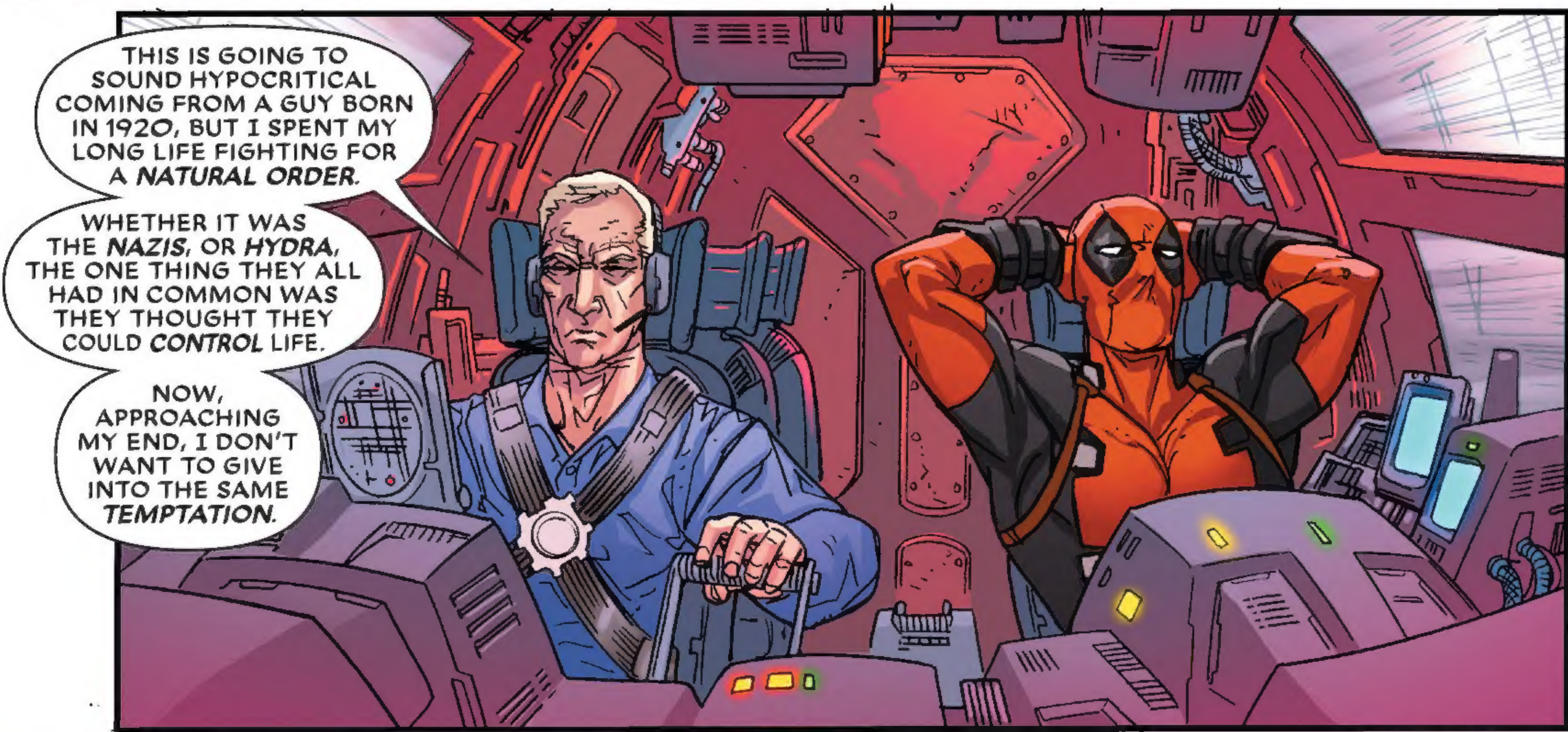
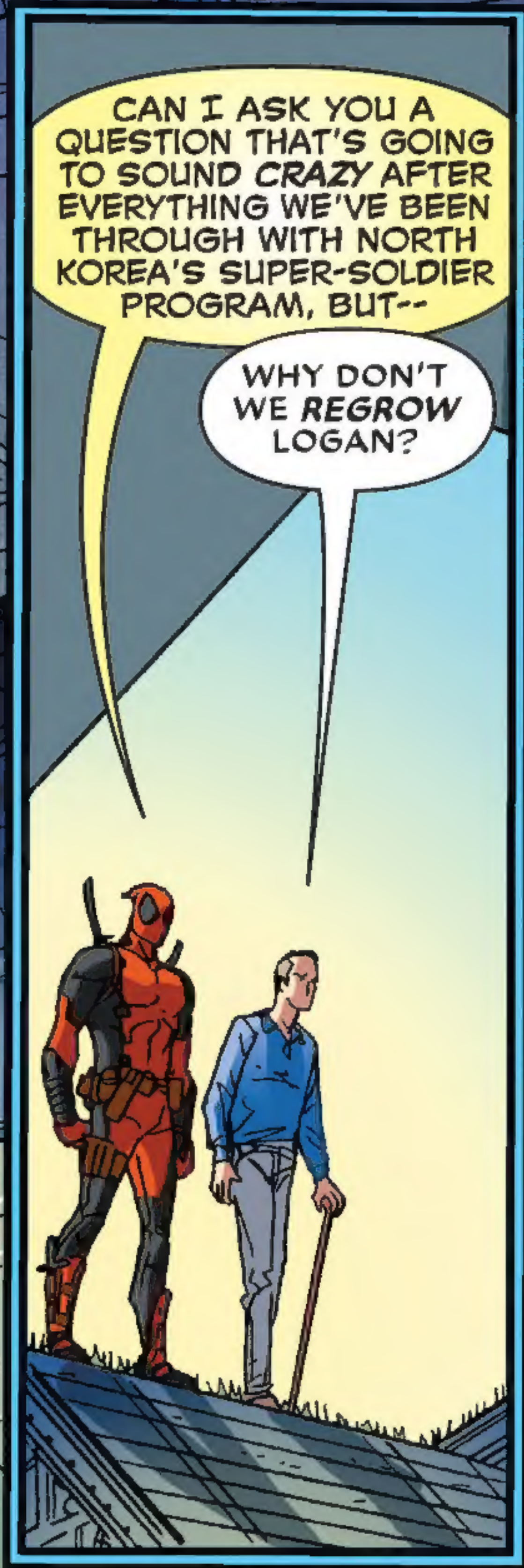
BOOP
HERE'S NATASHA NOW.

HELLO, STEVE. THE DAGGER WITH LOGAN'S BLOOD IS LEGITIMATE AND WAS SOLD BY ORGANIZED CRIME TO A.I.M. IT'S ALREADY BEEN MOVED TO A HARDENED FACILITY IN MOSCOW.

ARE YOU SURE?

JUST BECAUSE YOU GOT OLD, STEVE...







"I HAD MET LOGAN BEFORE, BUT THE FIRST TIME WE *REALLY* MIXED IT UP WE WERE FIGHTING AN ADAMANTIUM-COATED ROBOT."

"SURE, SURE, LIKE YOU DO."

"YOU WOULD HAVE THOUGHT WE COULD HAVE FOCUSED ON THE TASK AT HAND, BUT WE FOUGHT EACH OTHER MORE THAN WE DID THE DAMN ROBOT."

"THEN I SAID SOMETHING THAT WOULD COME BACK TO HAUNT ME..."

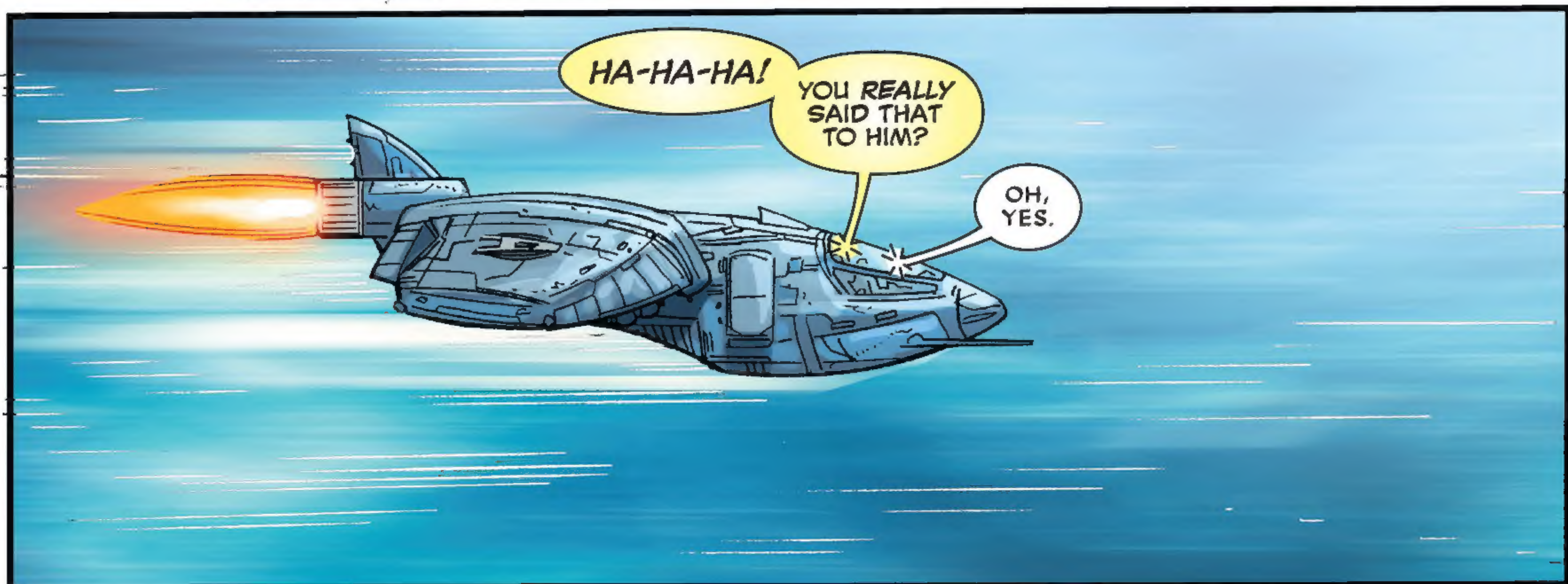
YOU BETTER HOPE THE X-MEN NEVER GET TIRED OF PUTTING UP WITH YOU...



...BECAUSE I
GUARANTEE YOU
THE AVENGERS
WOULD NEVER
HAVE YOU!

HA-HA-HA!

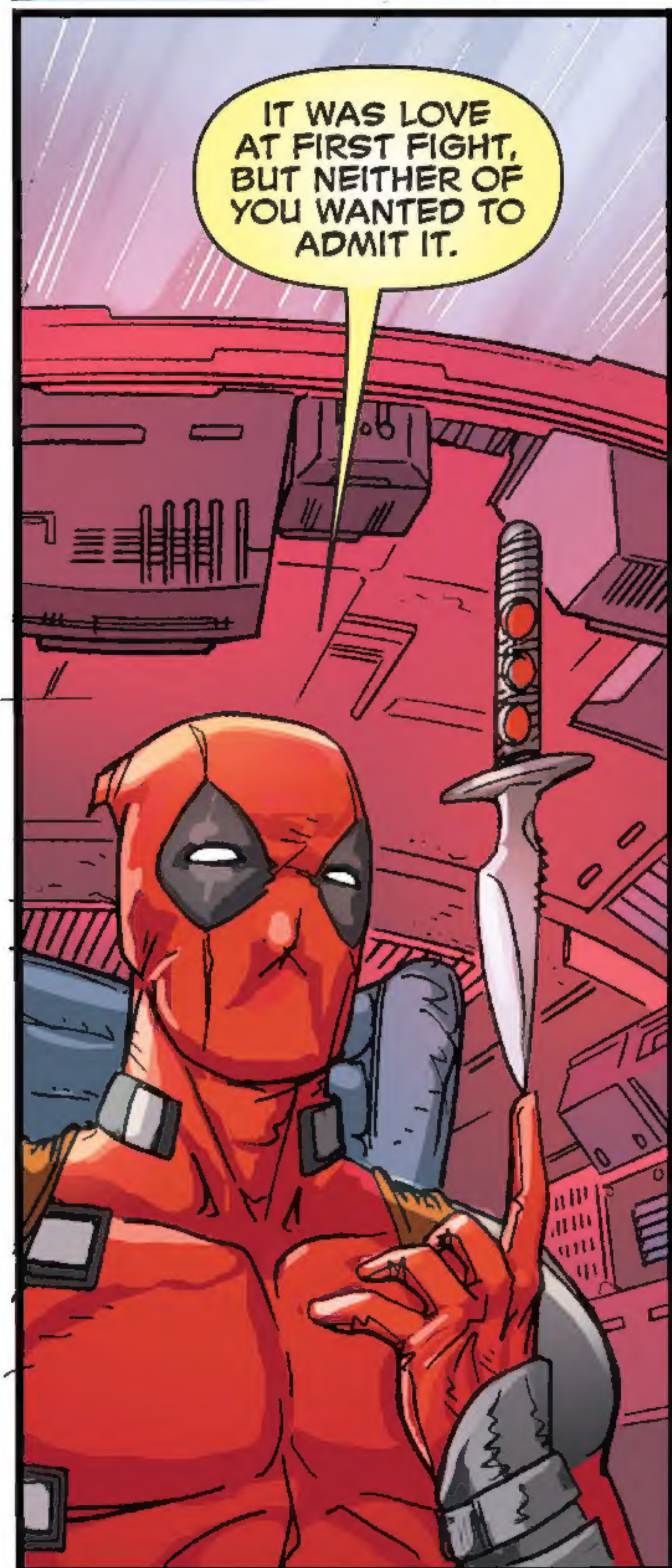
*THIS HAPPENED WAY BACK IN
CAPTAIN AMERICA ANNUAL # 8
--JORDAN D. WHITE. THE "D" IS
FOR DIGITALLY AVAILABLE ON
MARVEL UNLIMITED.



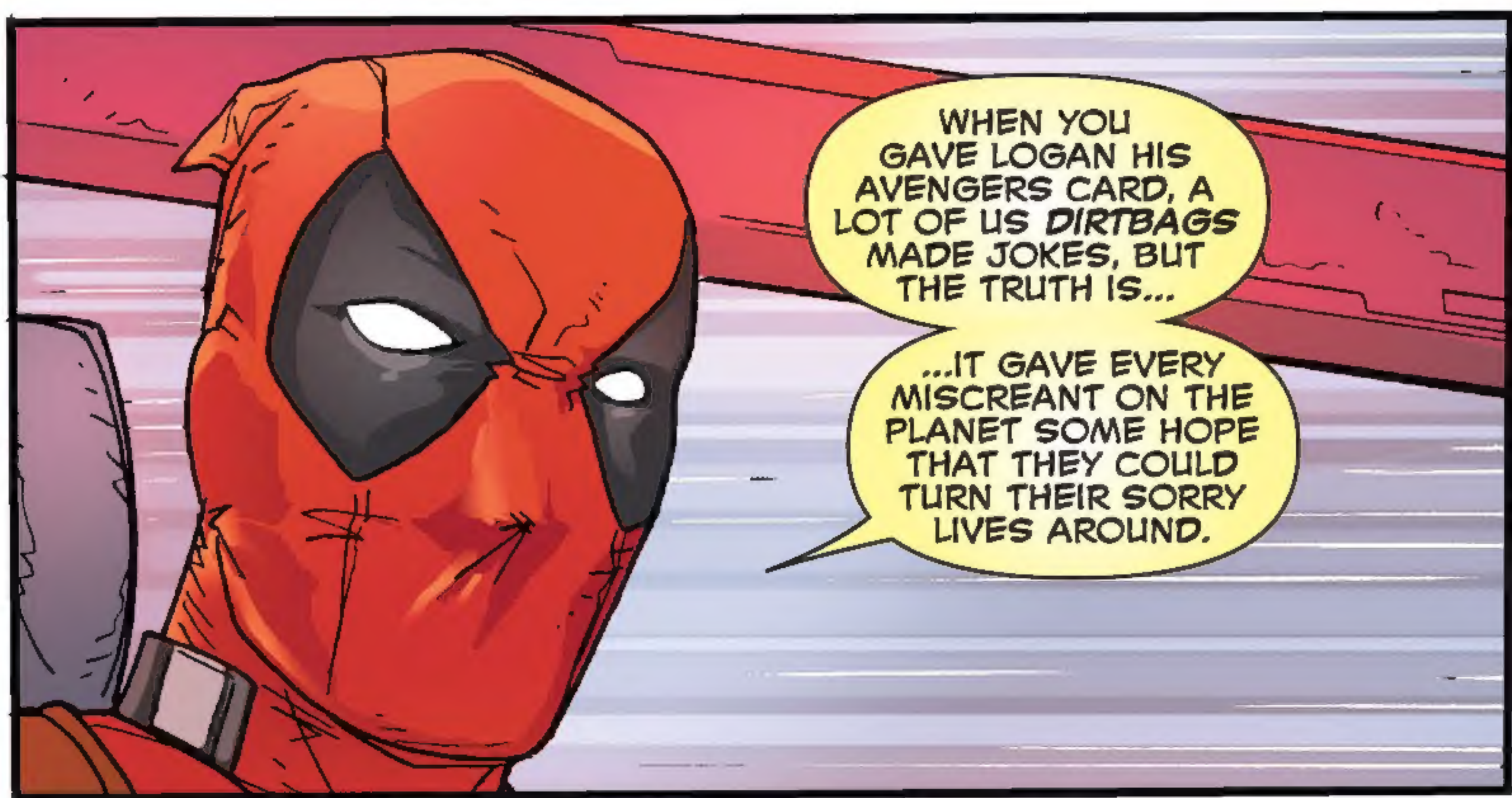
HA-HA-HA!

YOU REALLY
SAID THAT
TO HIM?

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YES.

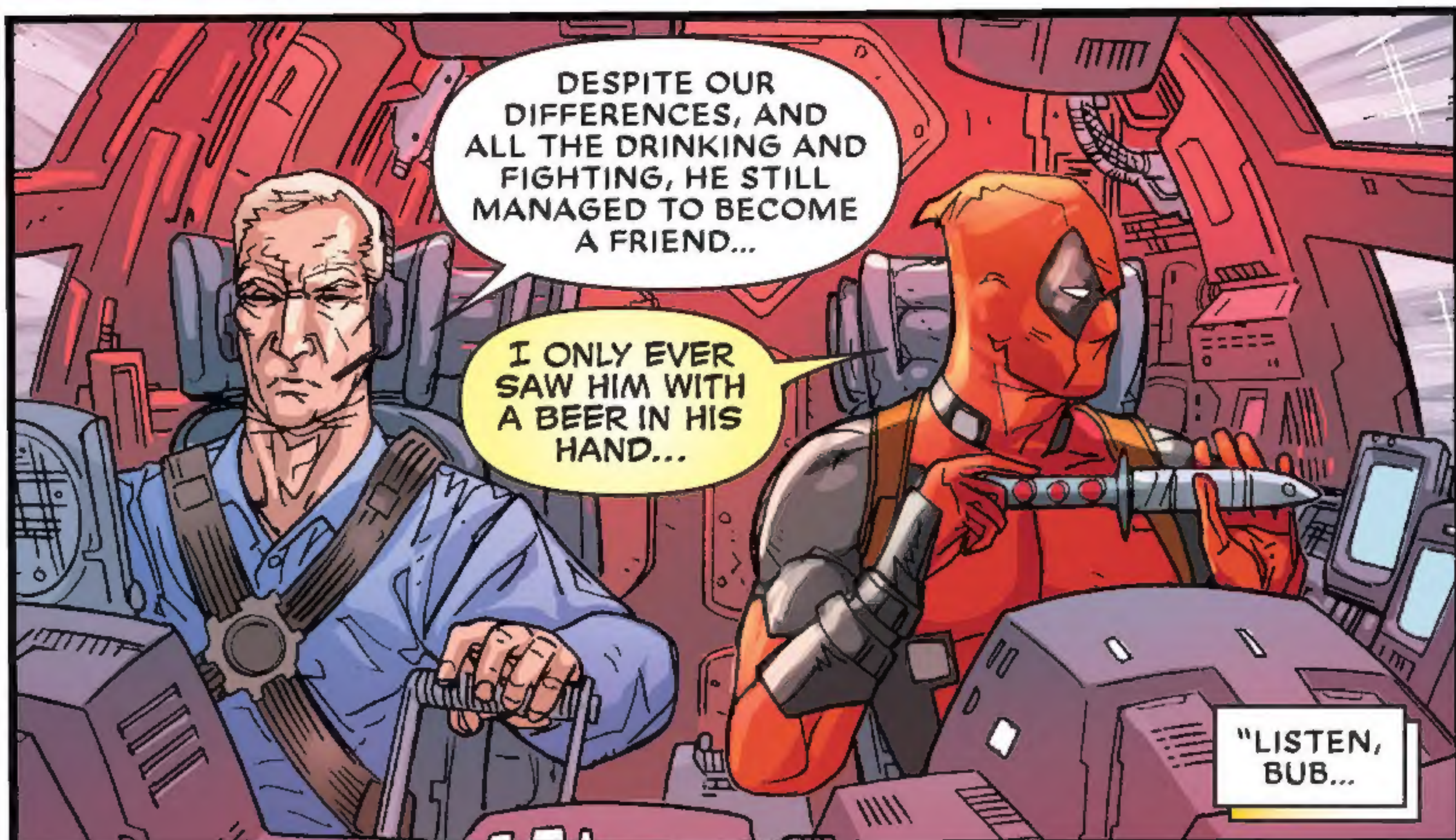


IT WAS LOVE
AT FIRST FIGHT,
BUT NEITHER OF
YOU WANTED TO
ADMIT IT.



WHEN YOU
GAVE LOGAN HIS
AVENGERS CARD, A
LOT OF US *DIRTBAGS*
MADE JOKES, BUT
THE TRUTH IS...

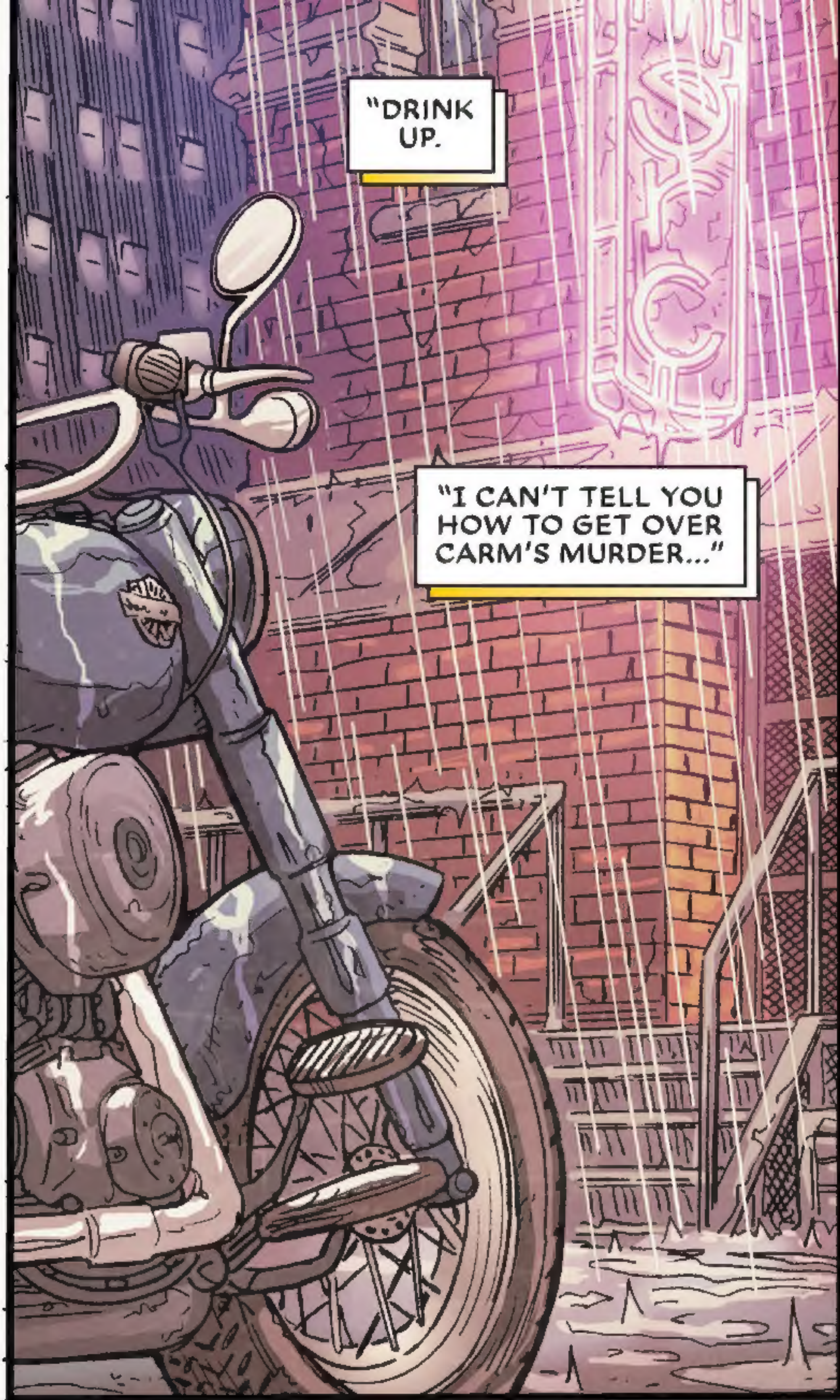
...IT GAVE EVERY
MISCREANT ON THE
PLANET SOME HOPE
THAT THEY COULD
TURN THEIR SORRY
LIVES AROUND.



DESPITE OUR
DIFFERENCES, AND
ALL THE DRINKING AND
FIGHTING, HE STILL
MANAGED TO BECOME
A FRIEND...

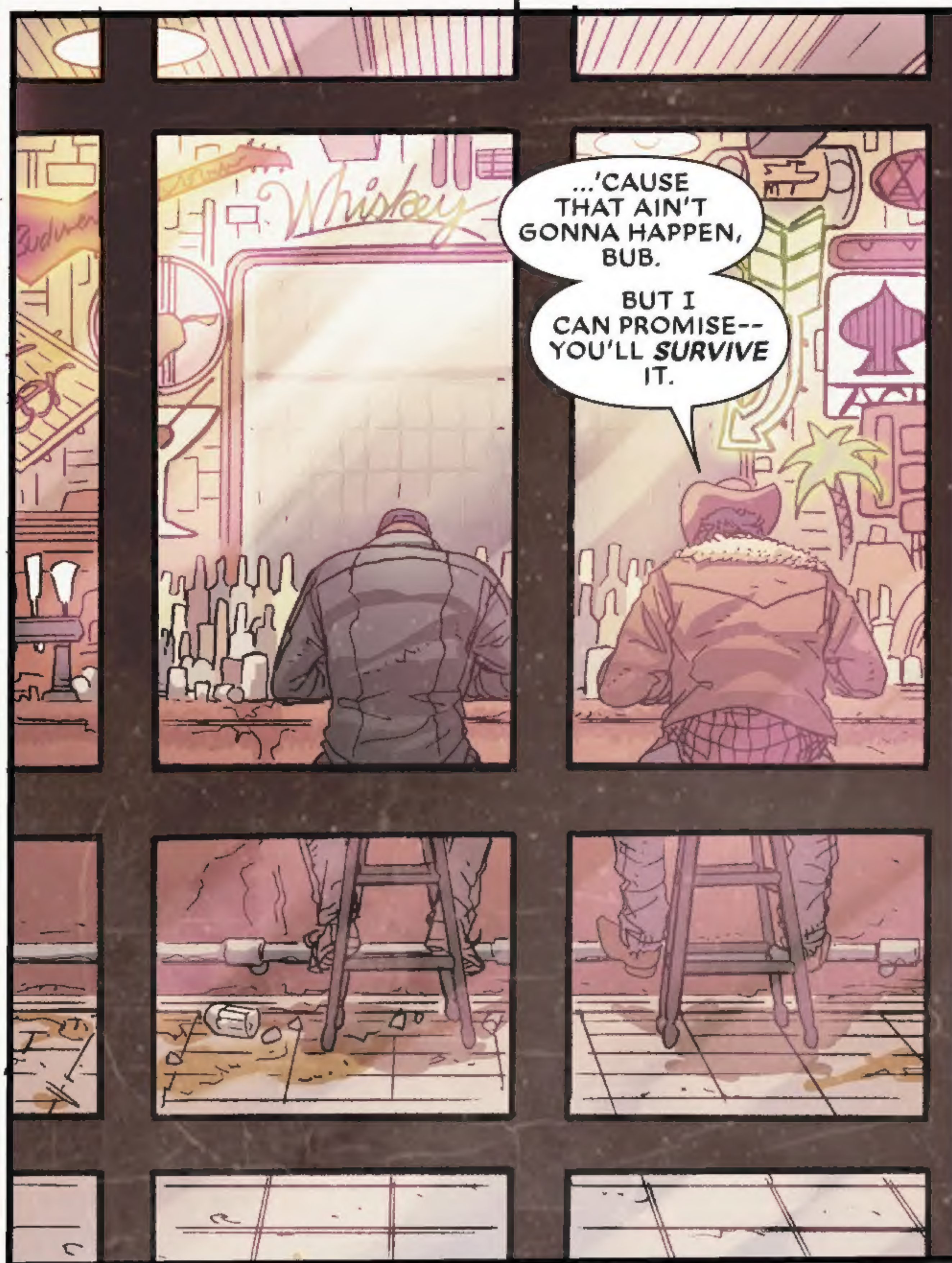
I ONLY EVER
SAW HIM WITH
A BEER IN HIS
HAND...

"LISTEN,
BUB..."



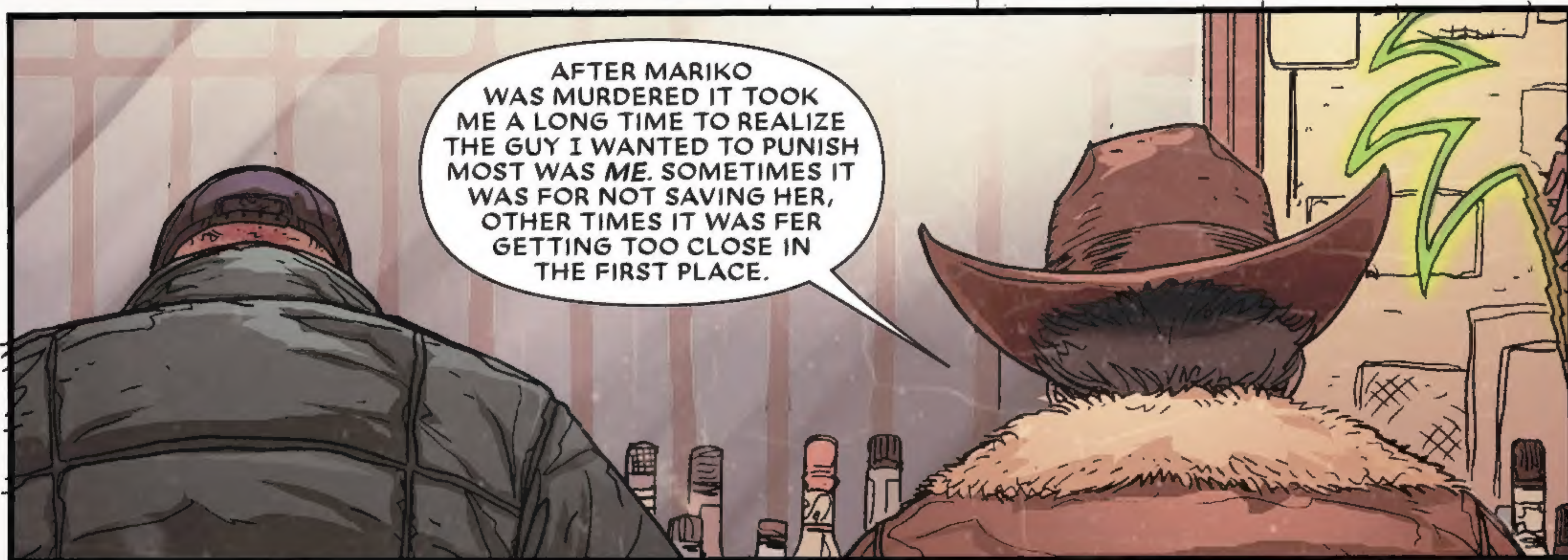
"DRINK UP."

"I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW TO GET OVER CARM'S MURDER..."



... 'CAUSE THAT AIN'T GONNA HAPPEN, BUB.

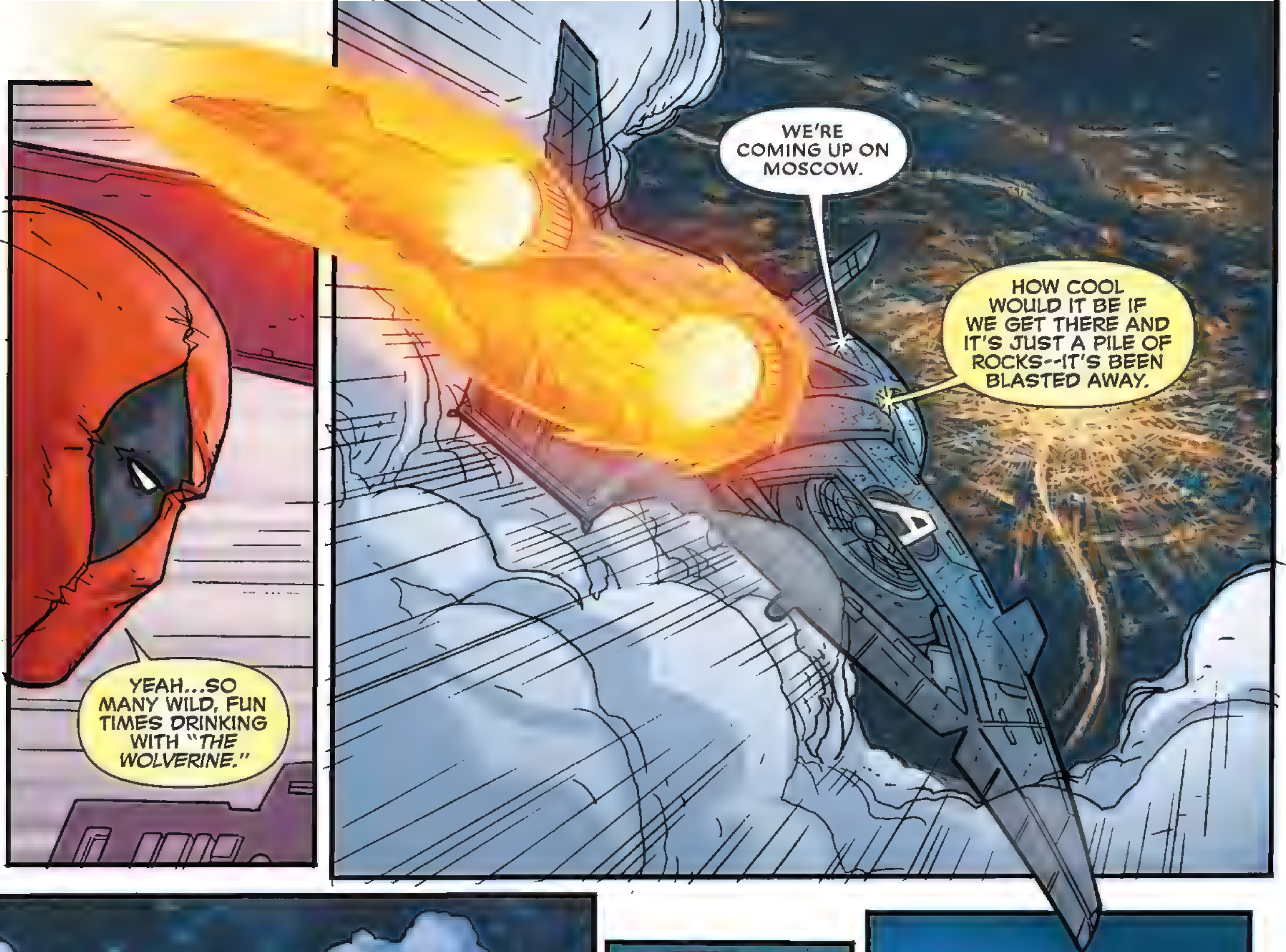
BUT I CAN PROMISE-- YOU'LL SURVIVE IT.



AFTER MARIKO WAS MURDERED IT TOOK ME A LONG TIME TO REALIZE THE GUY I WANTED TO PUNISH MOST WAS ME. SOMETIMES IT WAS FOR NOT SAVING HER, OTHER TIMES IT WAS FER GETTING TOO CLOSE IN THE FIRST PLACE.



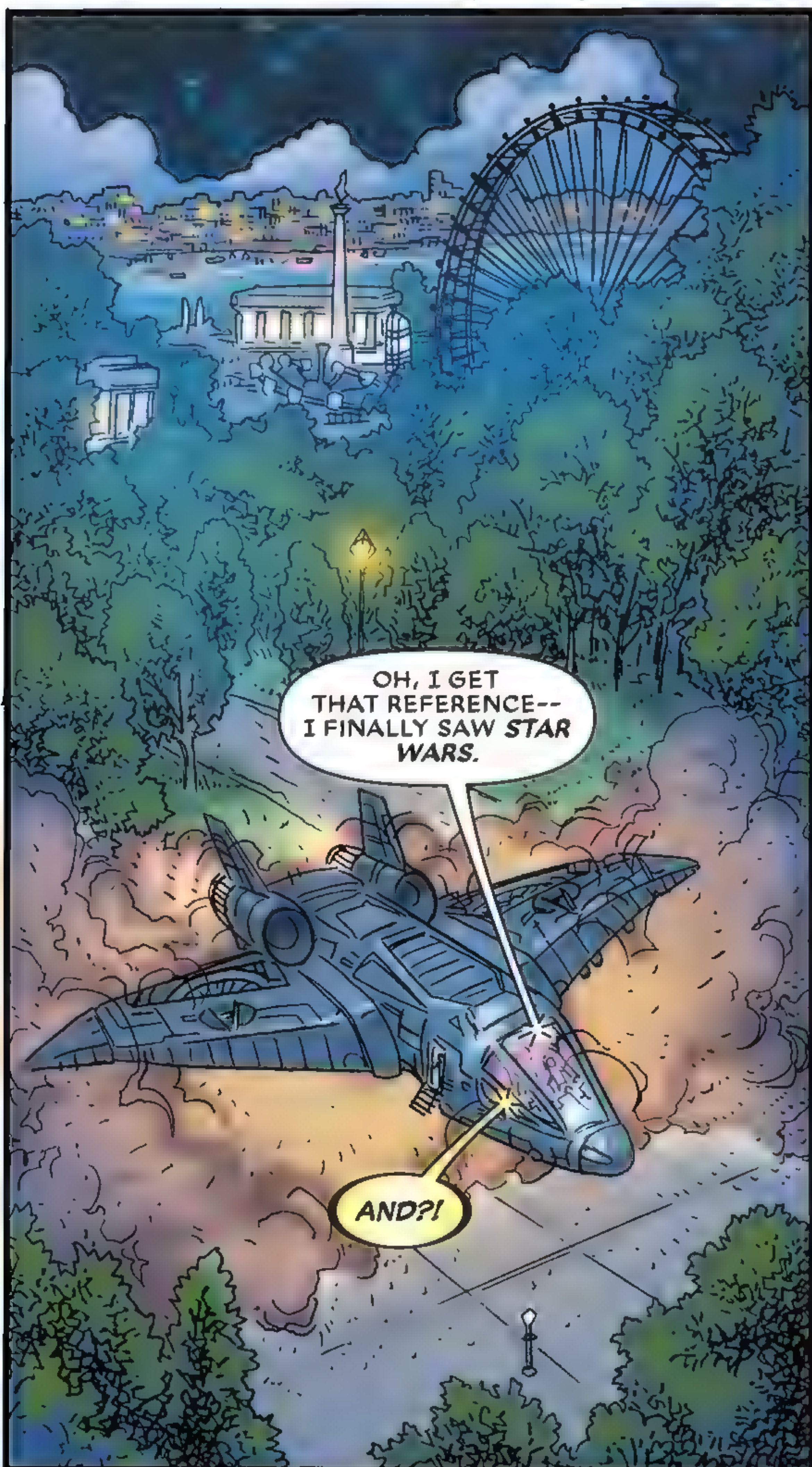
I WANNA SAVE YOU YEARS OF NEEDLESS GRIEF. YOU GOTTA FORGIVE YOURSELF.



YEAH...SO MANY WILD, FUN TIMES DRINKING WITH "THE WOLVERINE."

WE'RE COMING UP ON MOSCOW.

HOW COOL WOULD IT BE IF WE GET THERE AND IT'S JUST A PILE OF ROCKS--IT'S BEEN BLASTED AWAY.



OH, I GET THAT REFERENCE-- I FINALLY SAW **STAR WARS**.

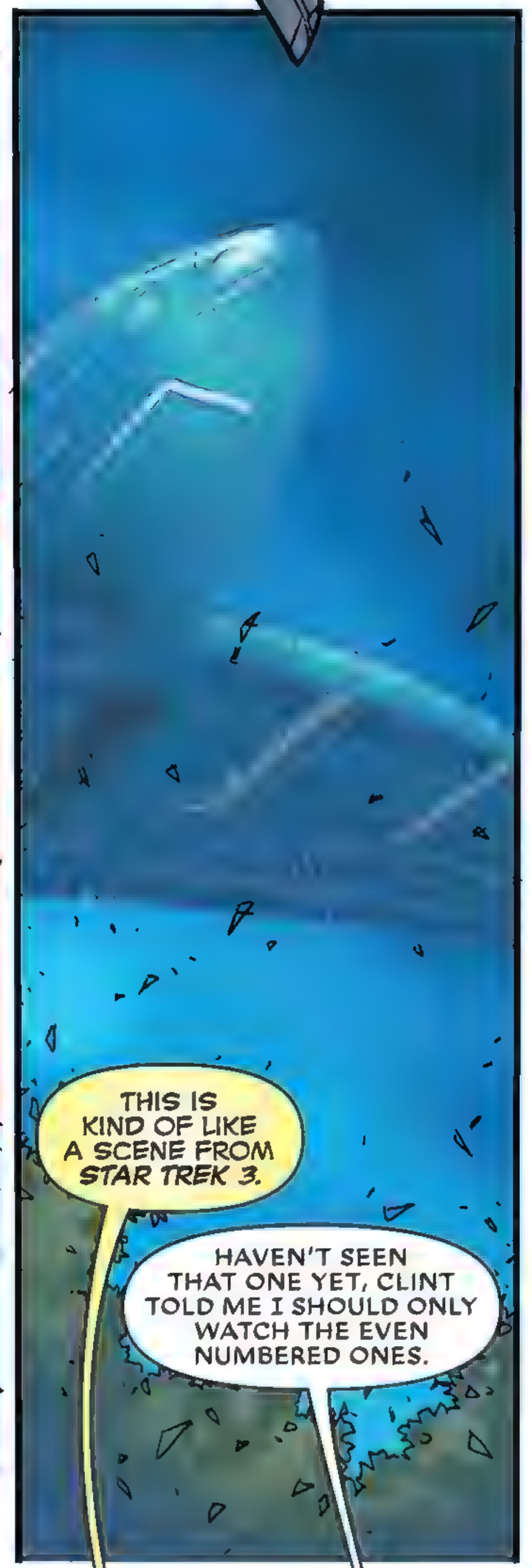
AND?!



FUN. LIKE **FLASH GORDON**.

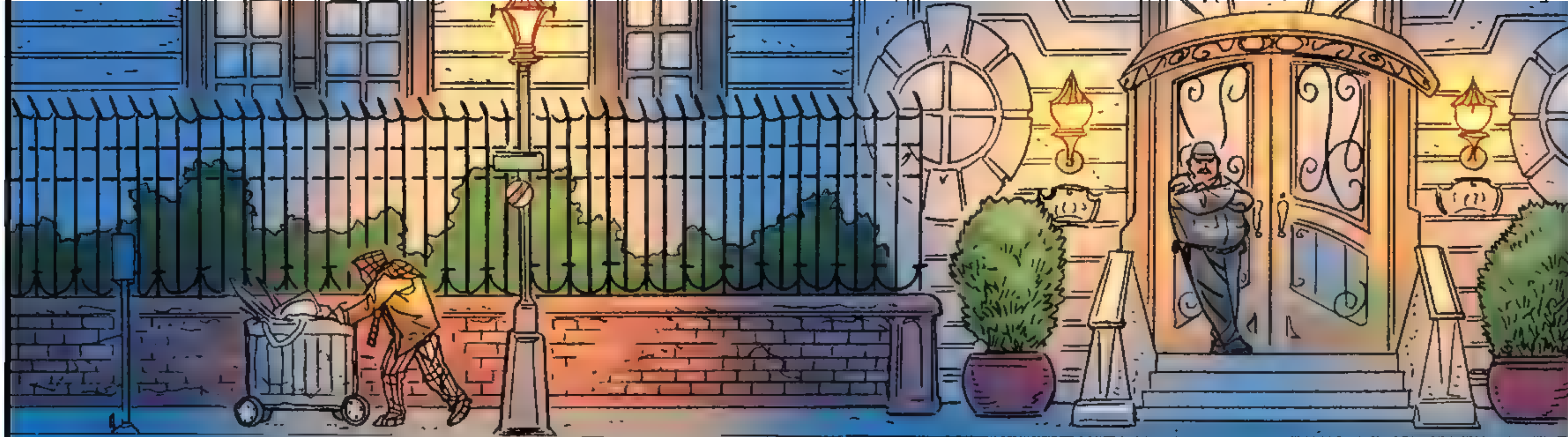
HUH. DOESN'T RING A BELL.

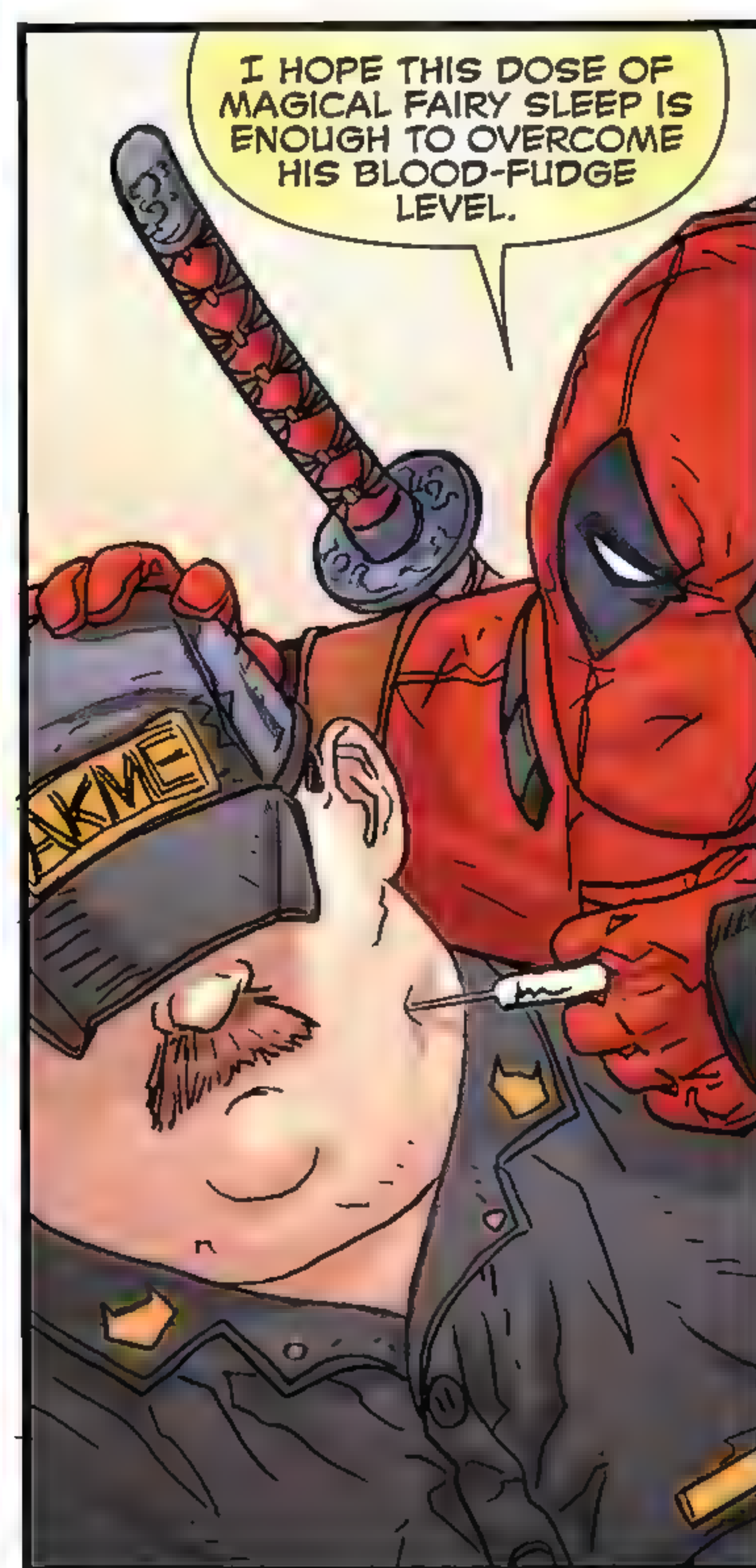
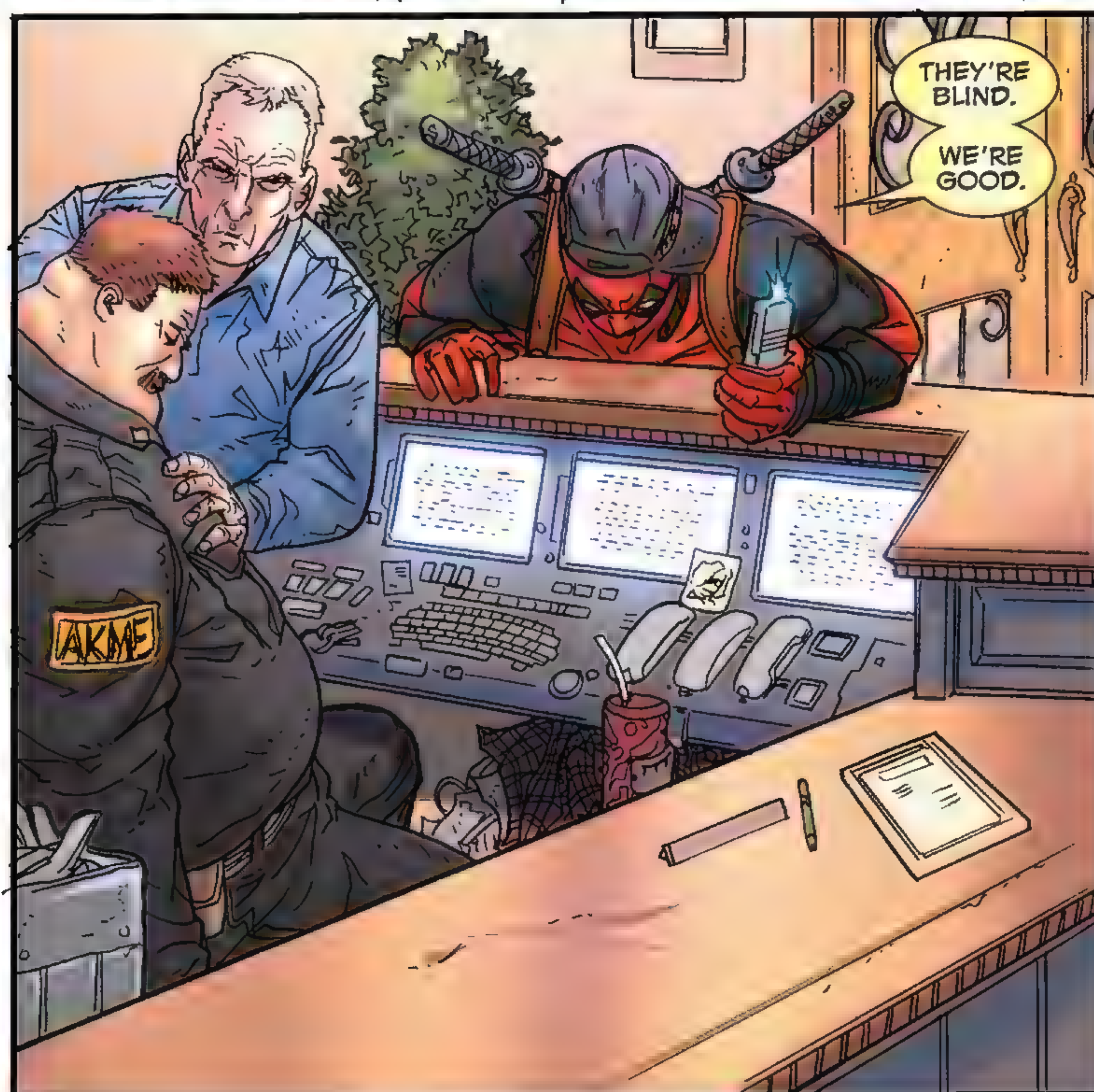
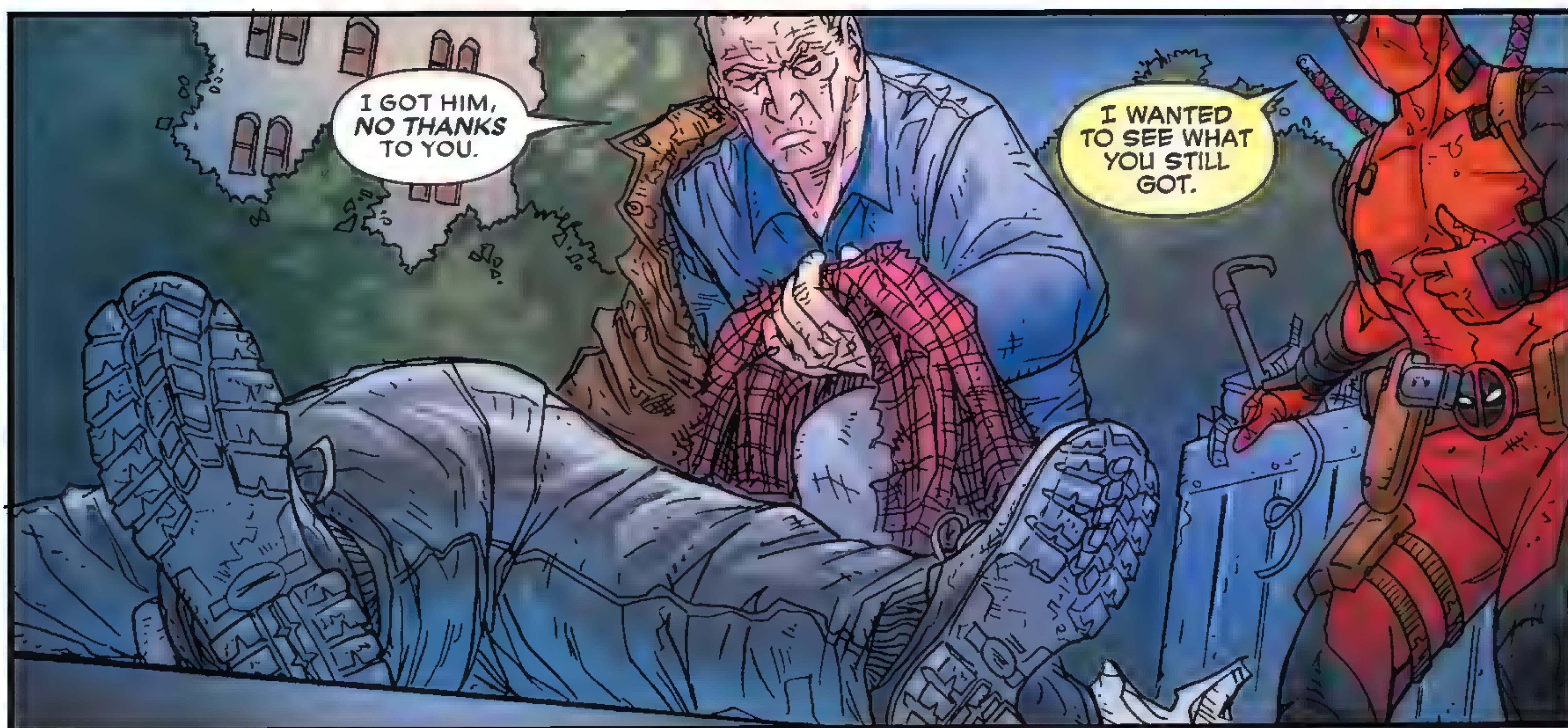
QUINJET, HOVER AND CLOAK.

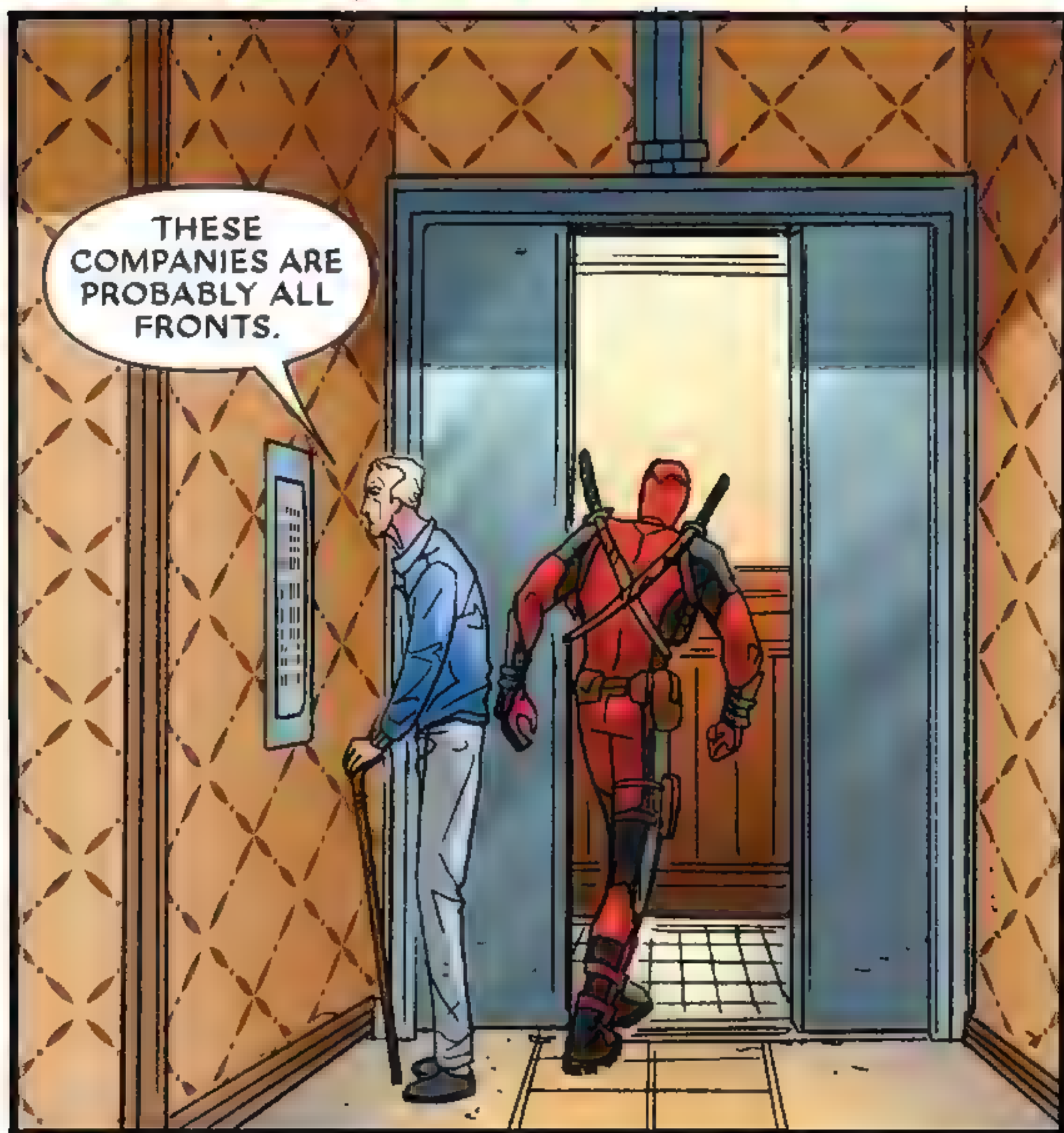


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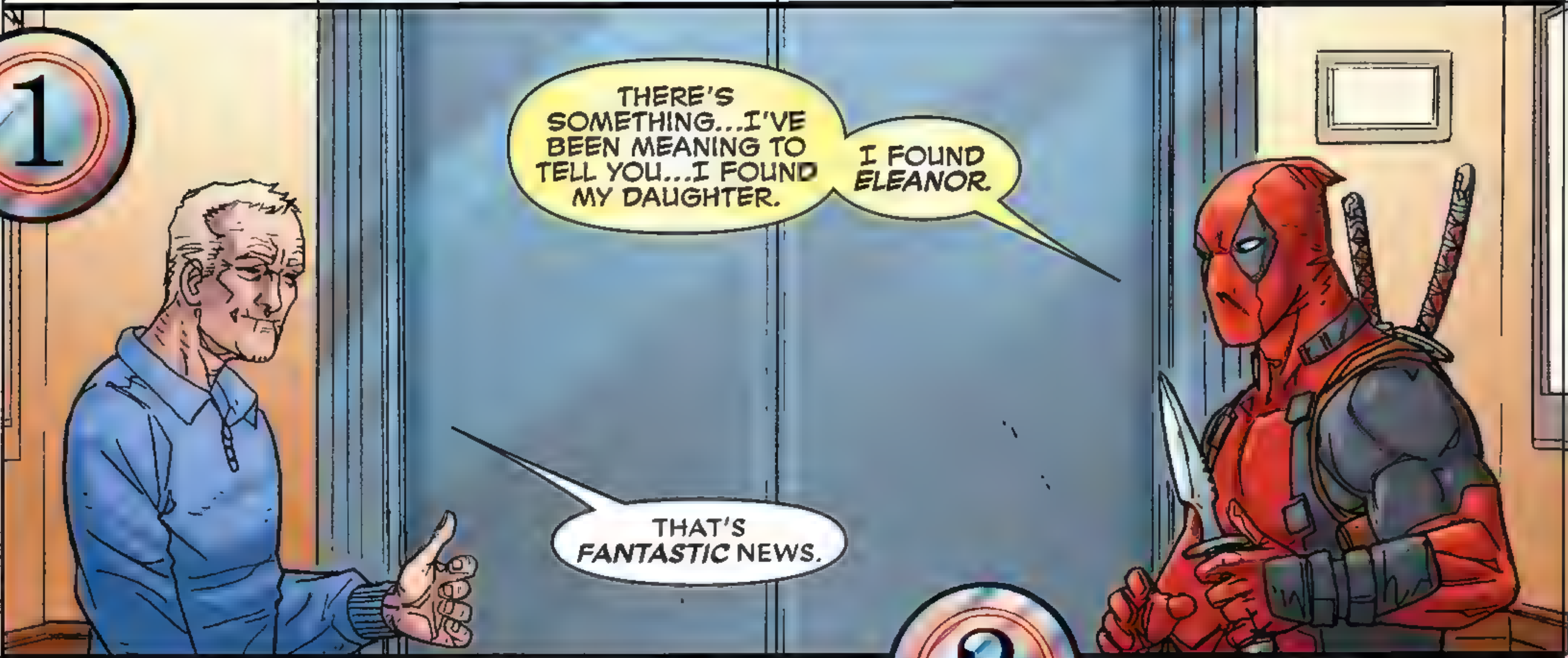
HAVEN'T SEEN THAT ONE YET, CLINT TOLD ME I SHOULD ONLY WATCH THE EVEN NUMBERED ONES.







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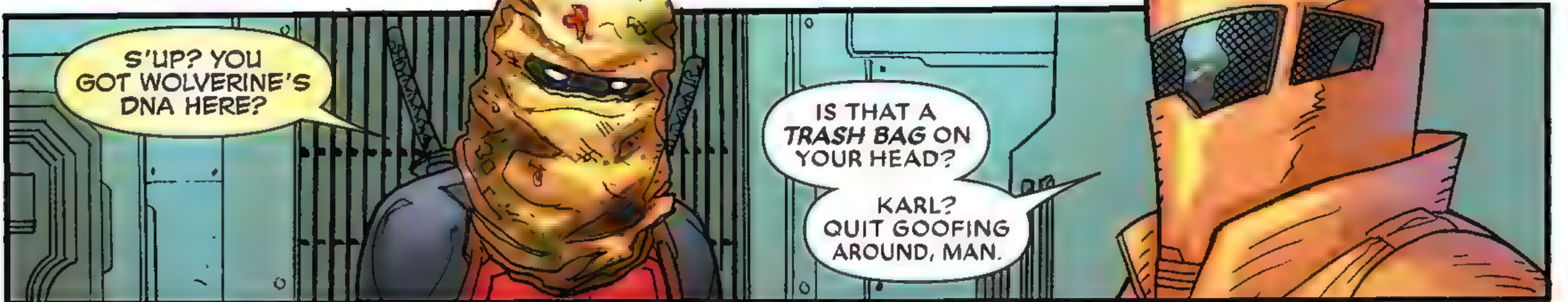
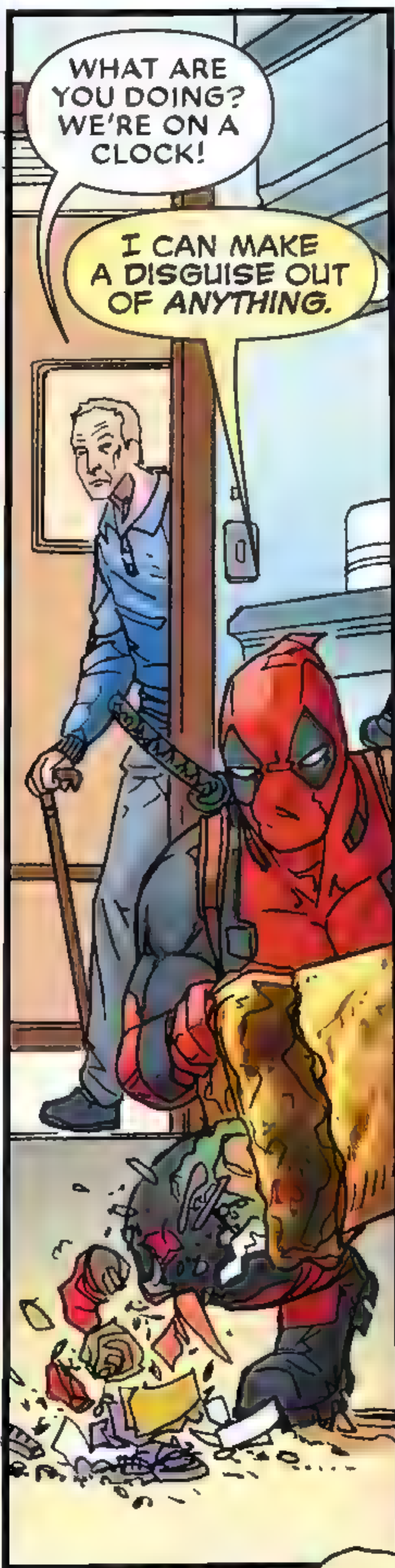
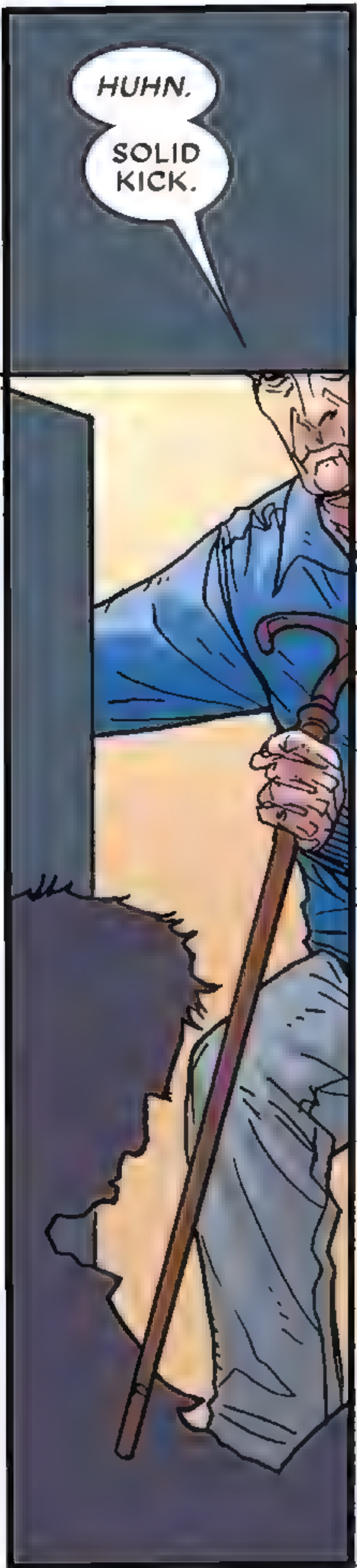


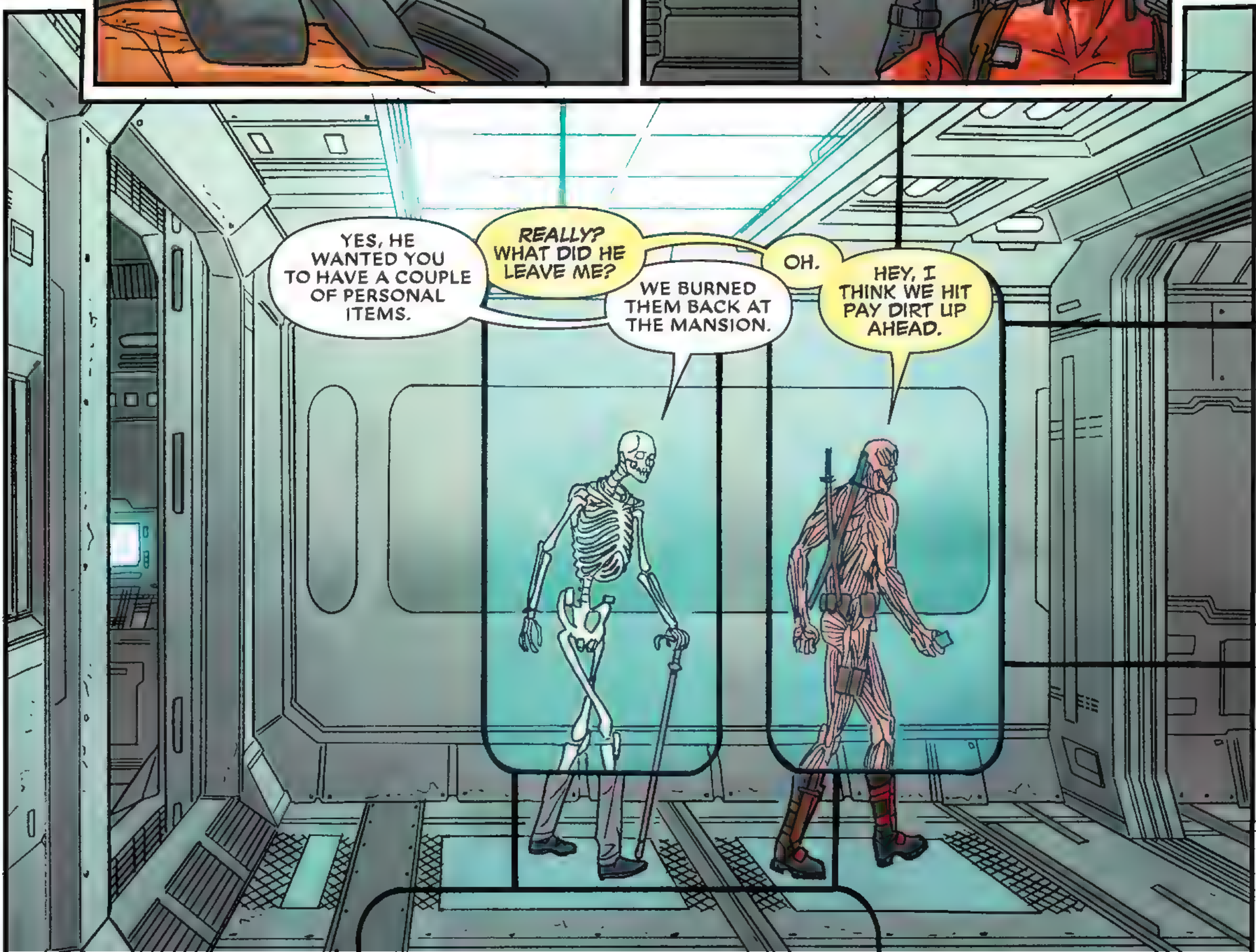
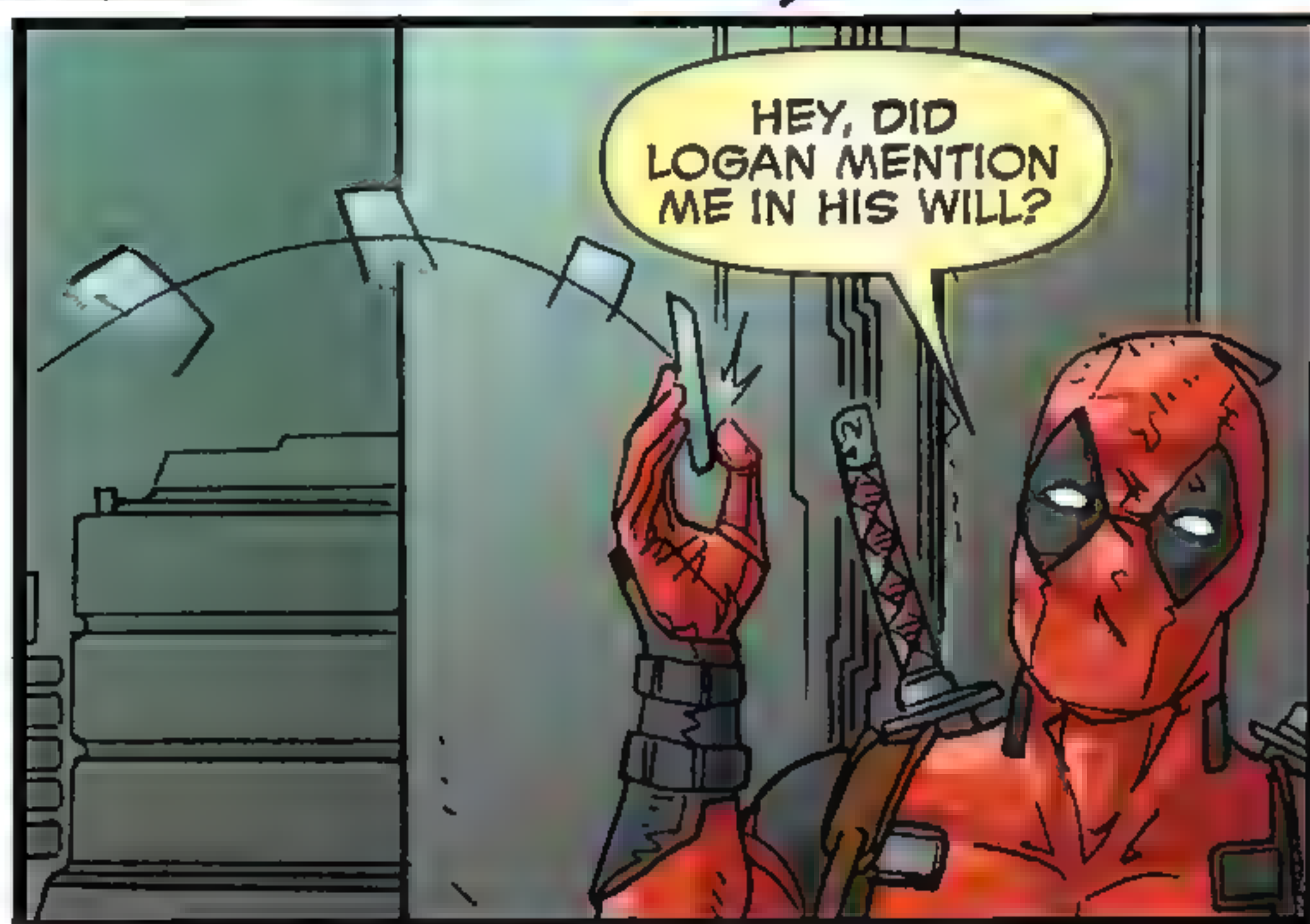
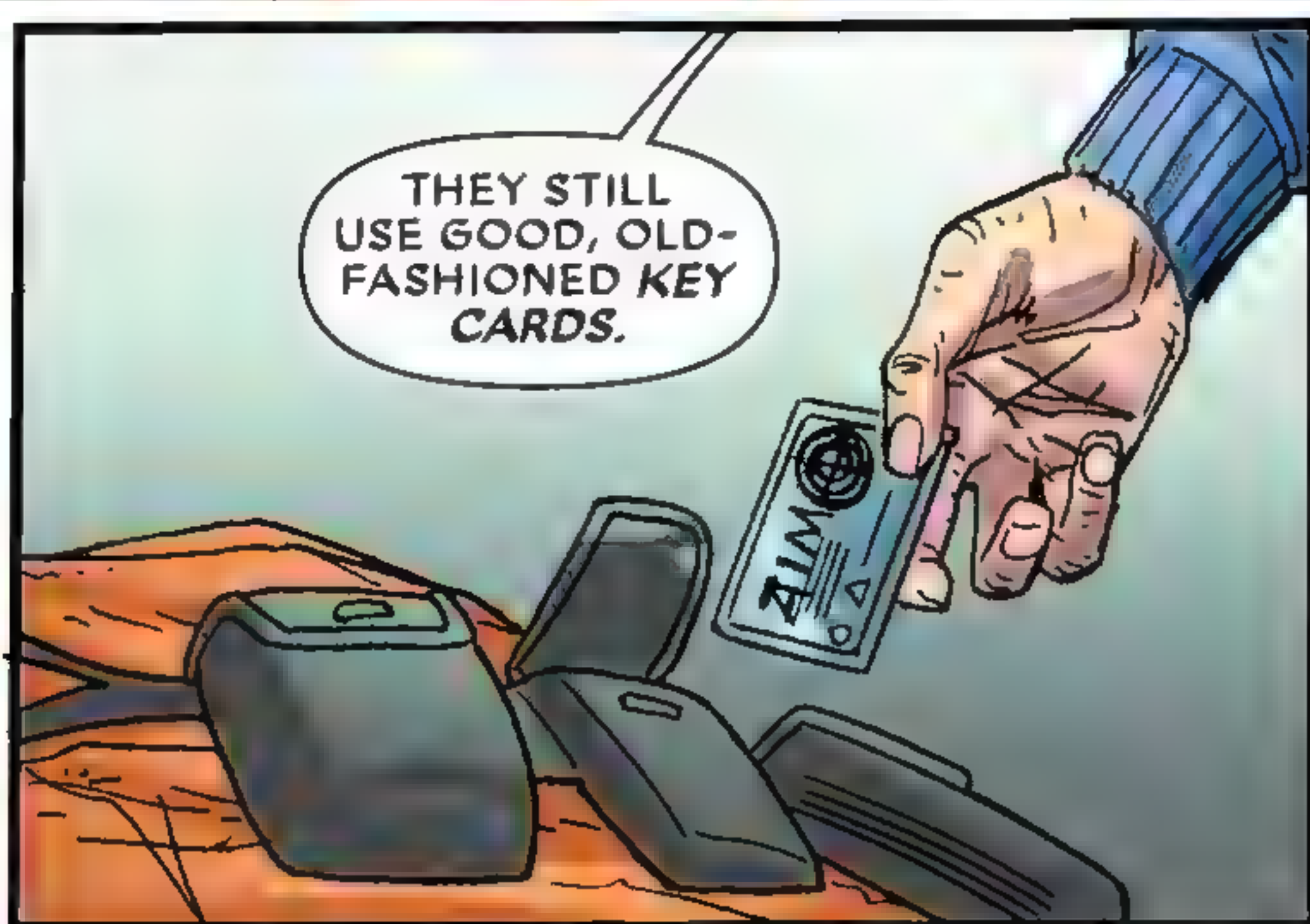
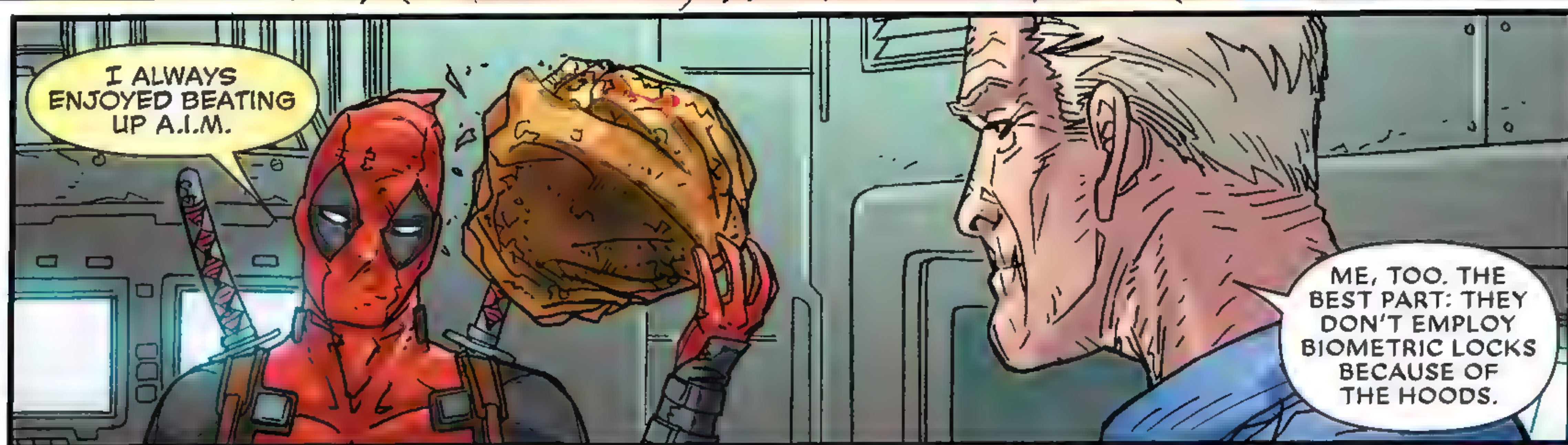
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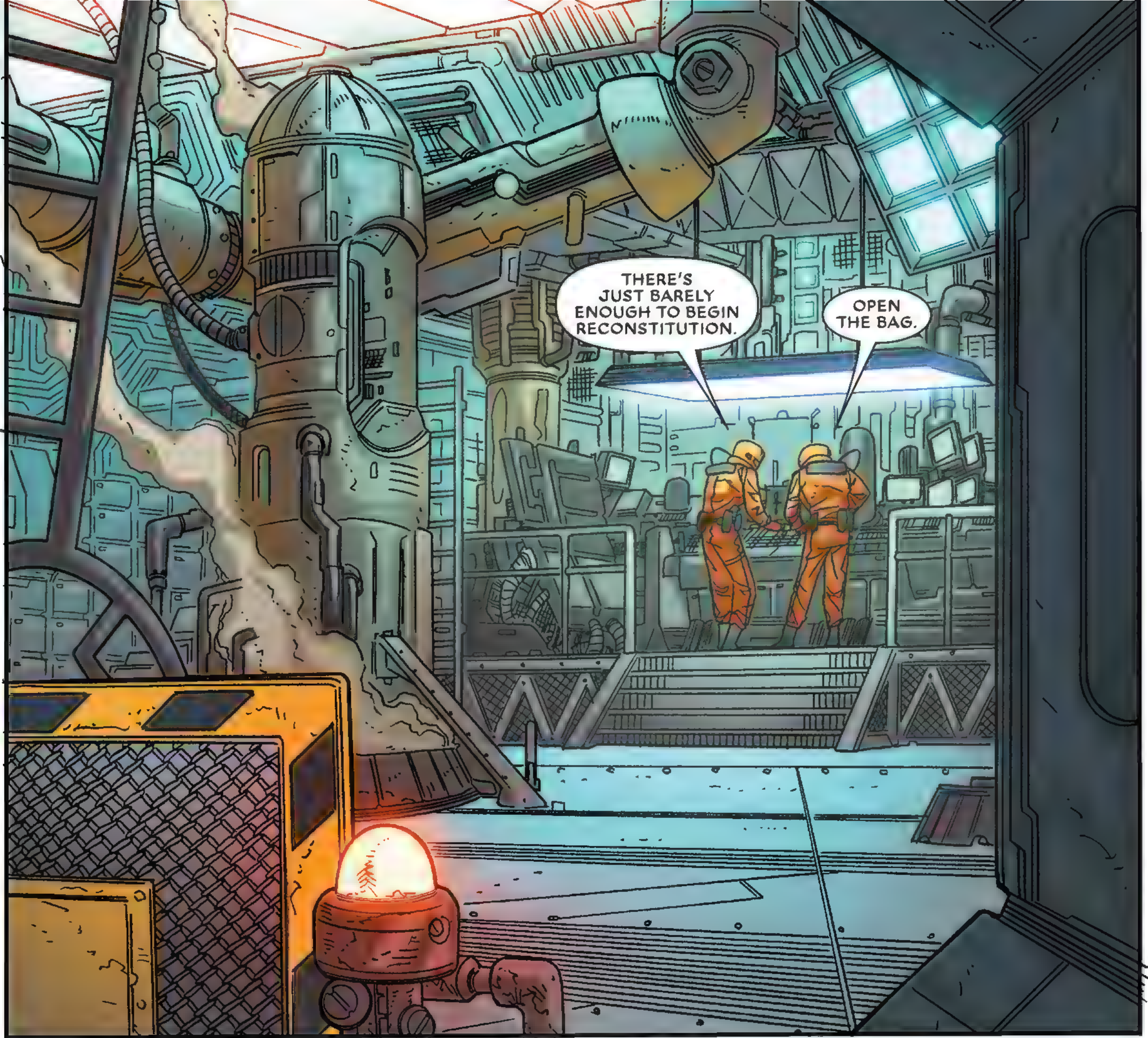


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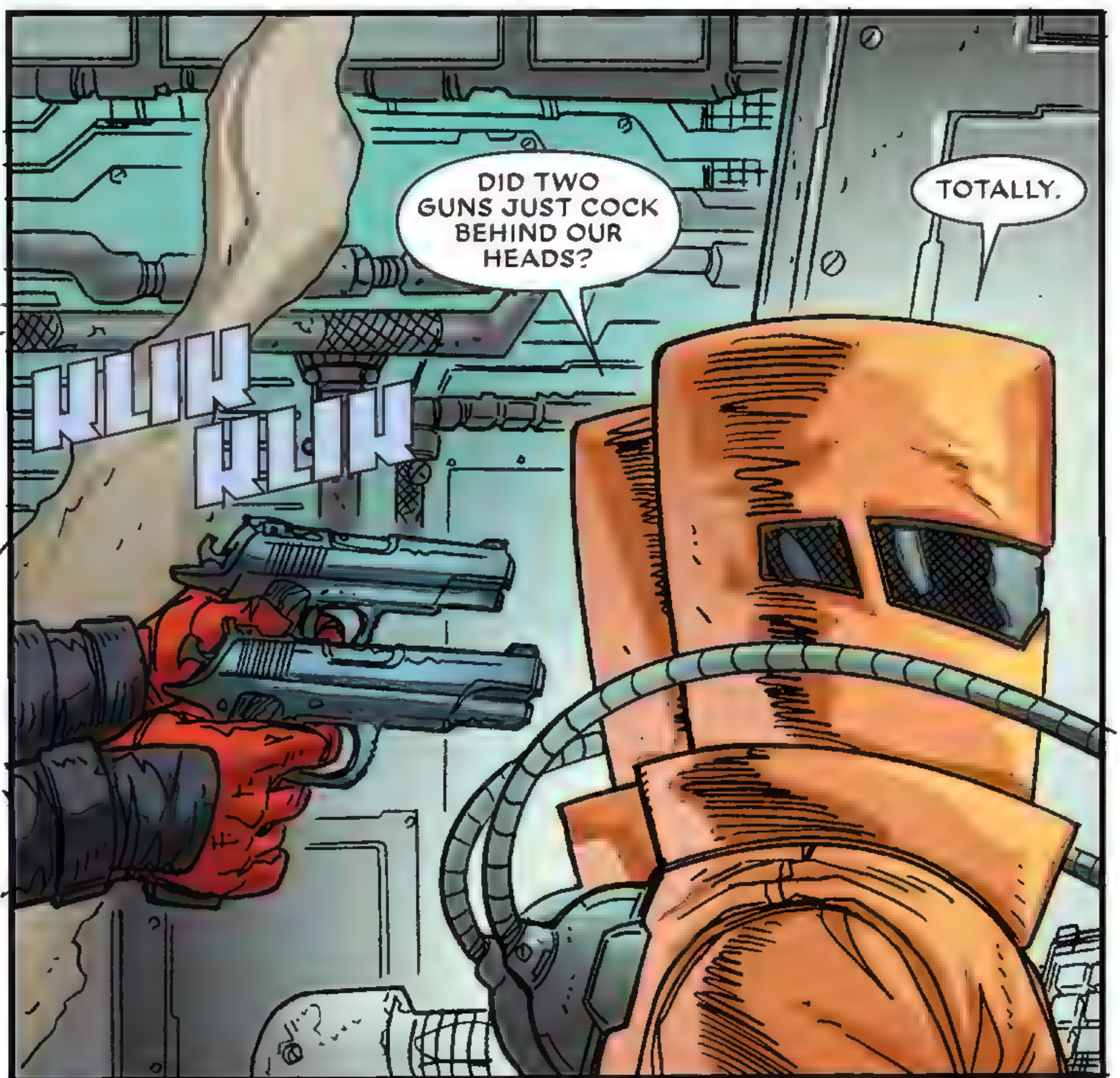
THERE'S
JUST BARELY
ENOUGH TO BEGIN
RECONSTITUTION.

OPEN
THE BAG.



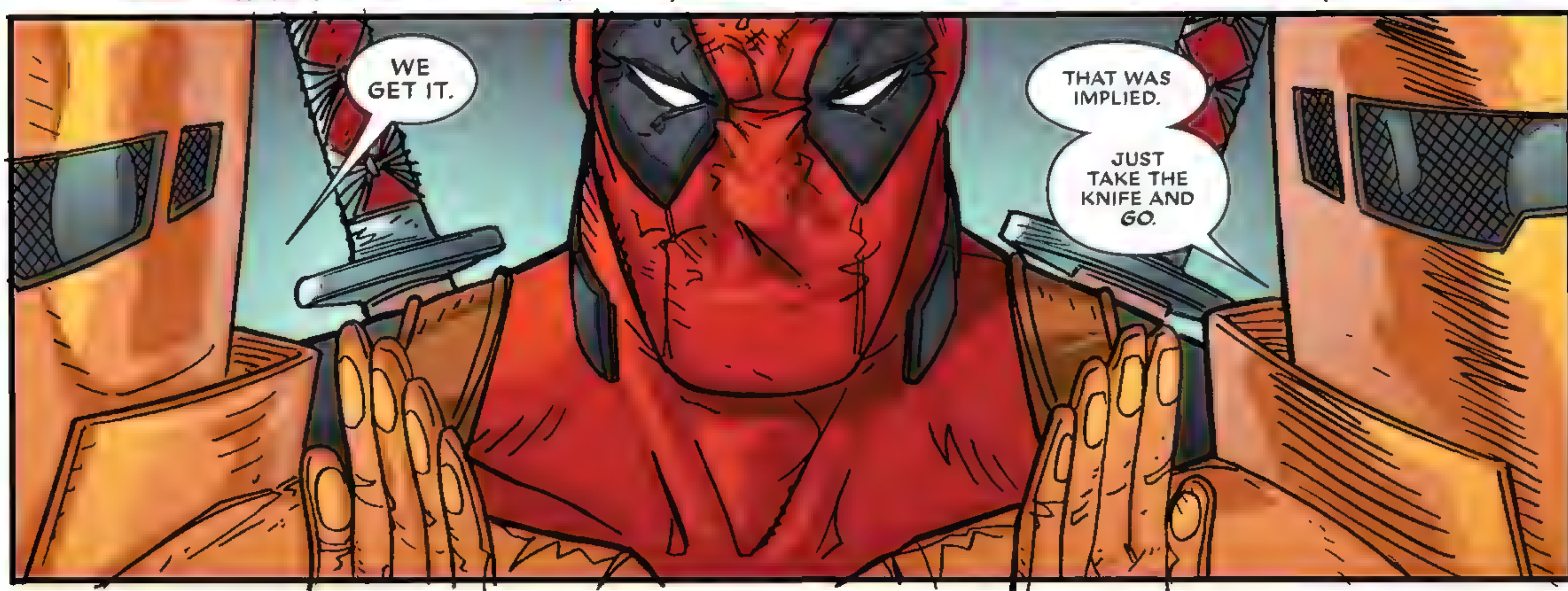
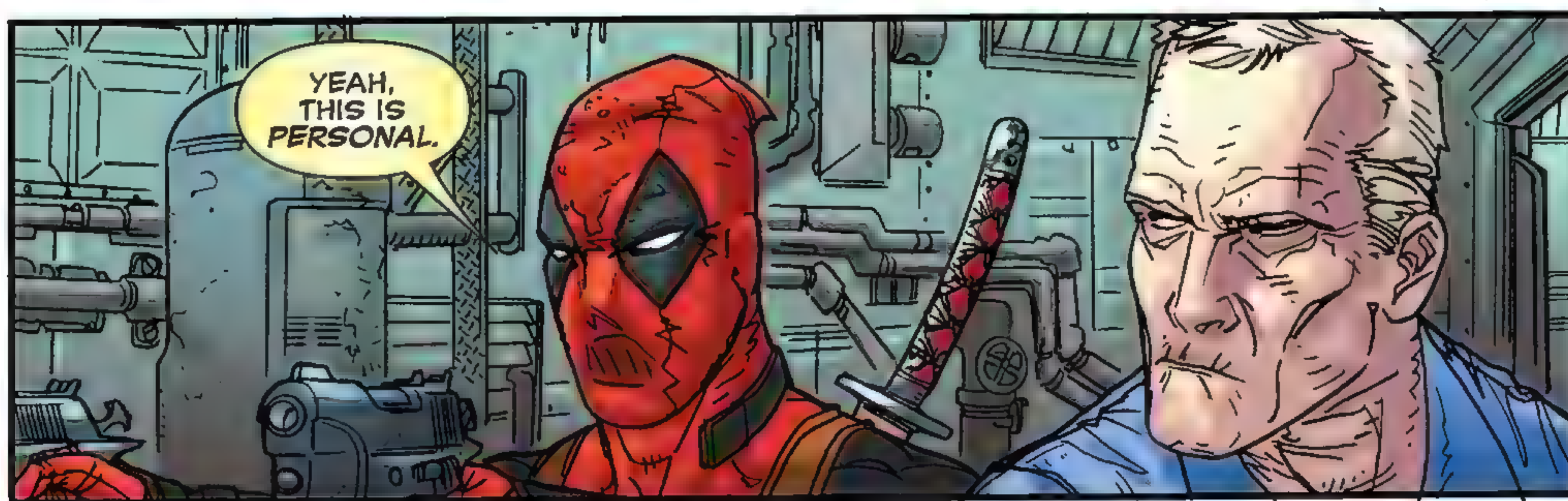
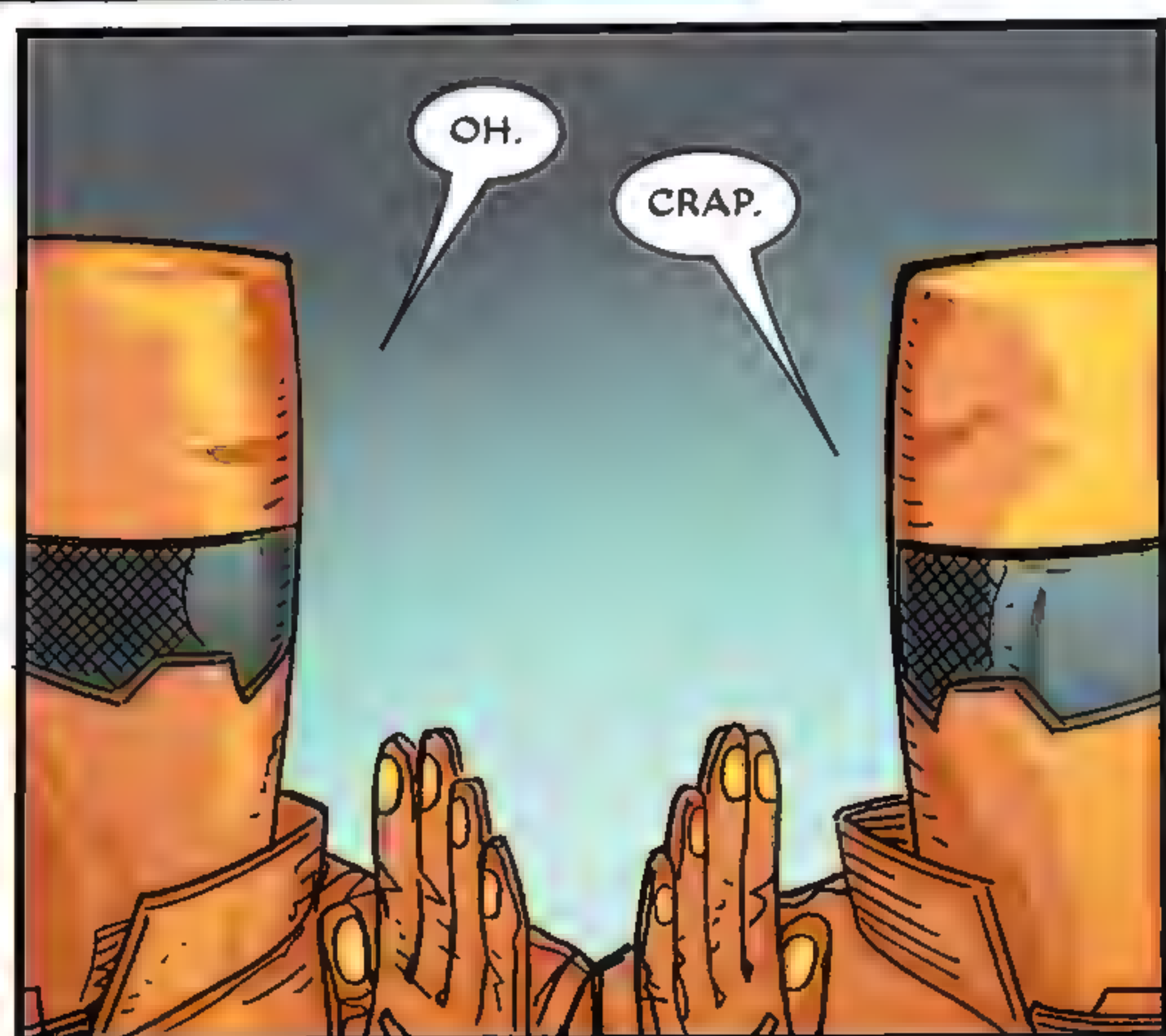
DID YOU
HEAR WHAT
WE PAID FOR
THIS BLOODY
KNIFE?

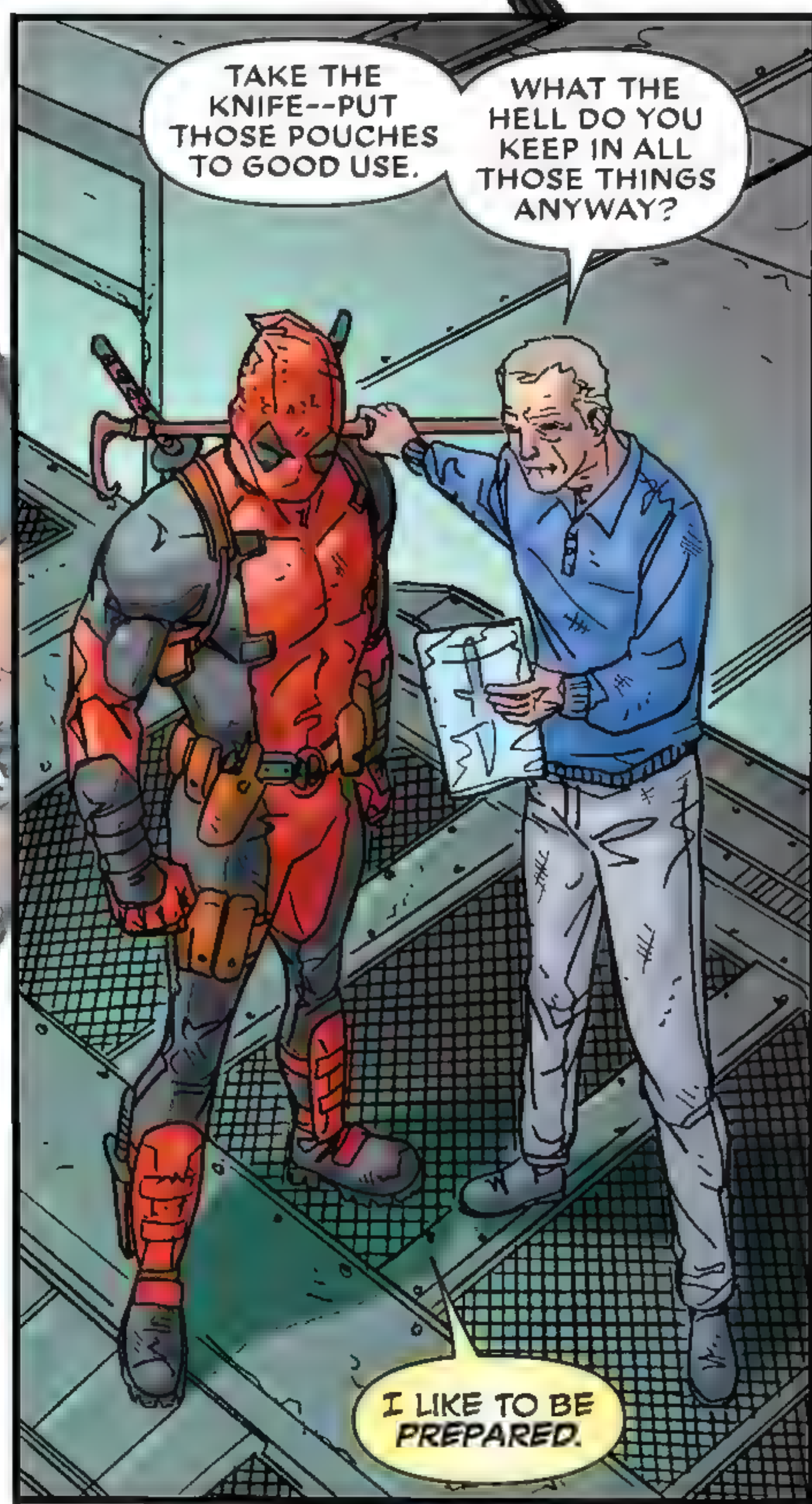
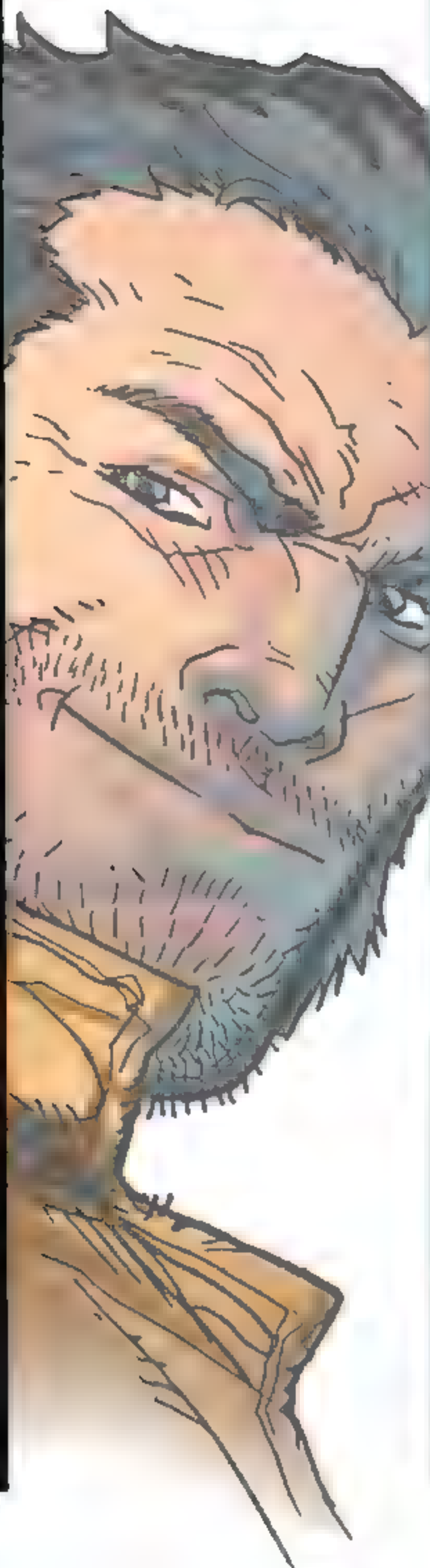
YEAH, A.I.M.
SPENDS A HUNDRED
MILLION ON A USED
KNIFE, BUT WE HAVE
TO PAY FOR OUR
OWN DENTAL.

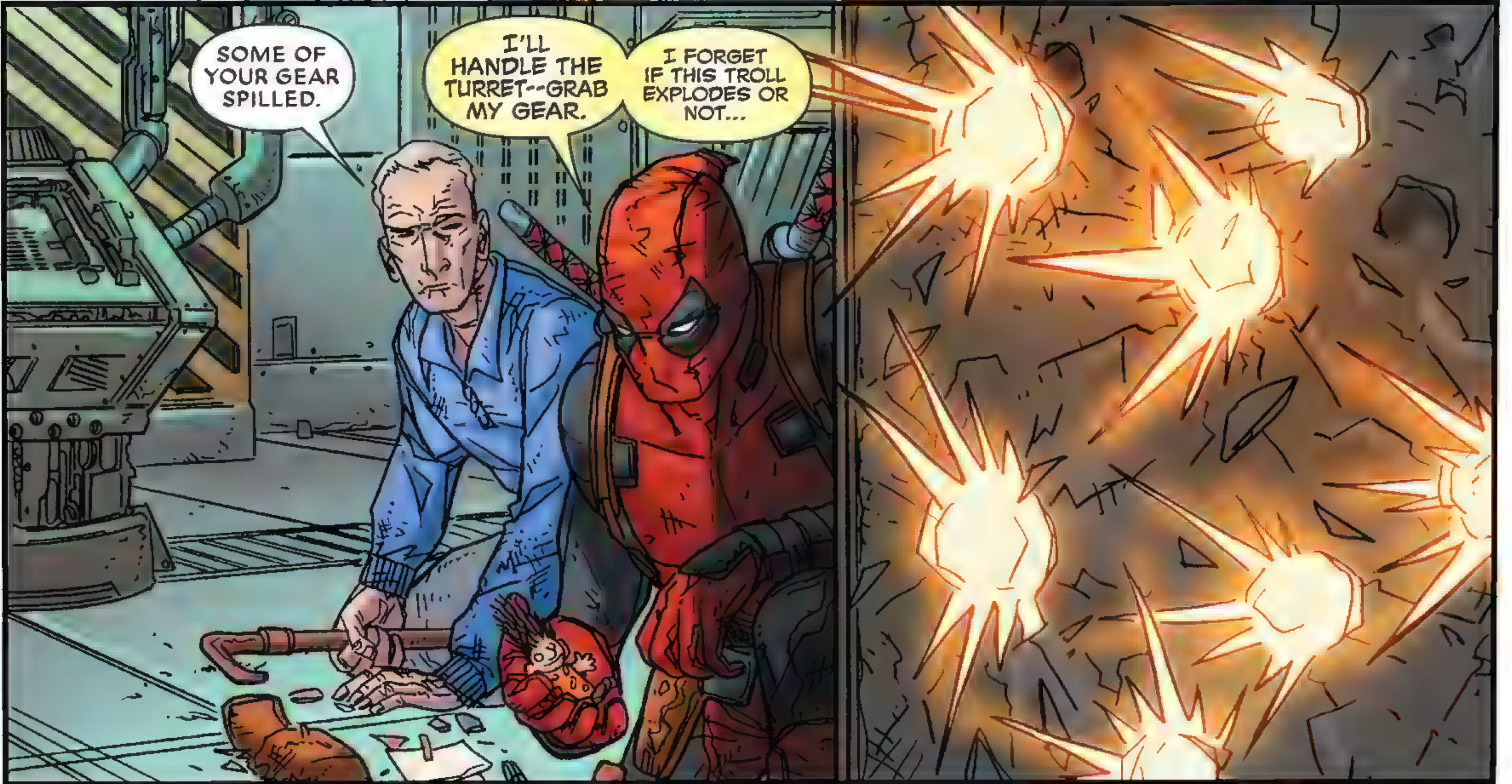
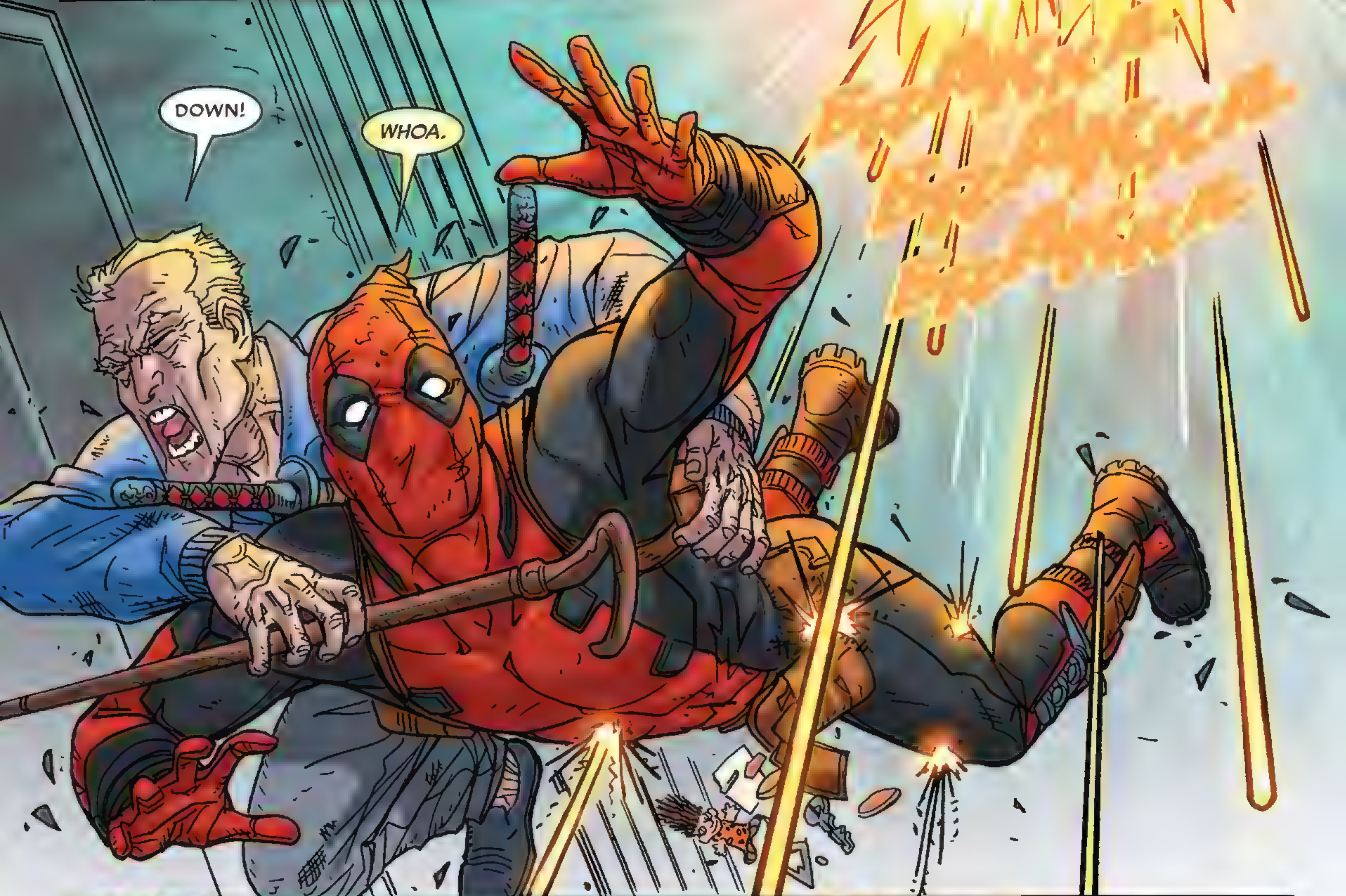
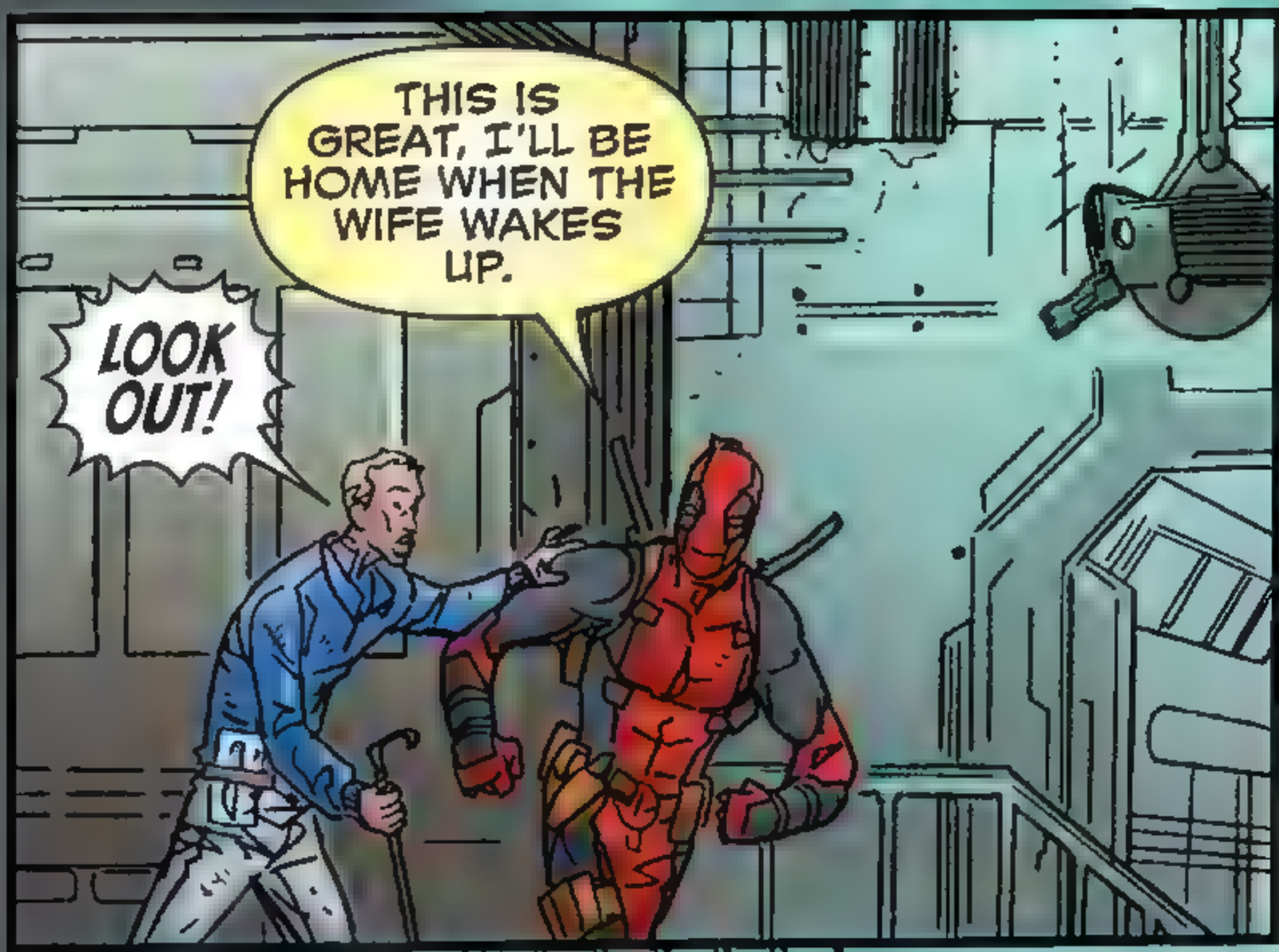


DID TWO
GUNS JUST COCK
BEHIND OUR
HEADS?

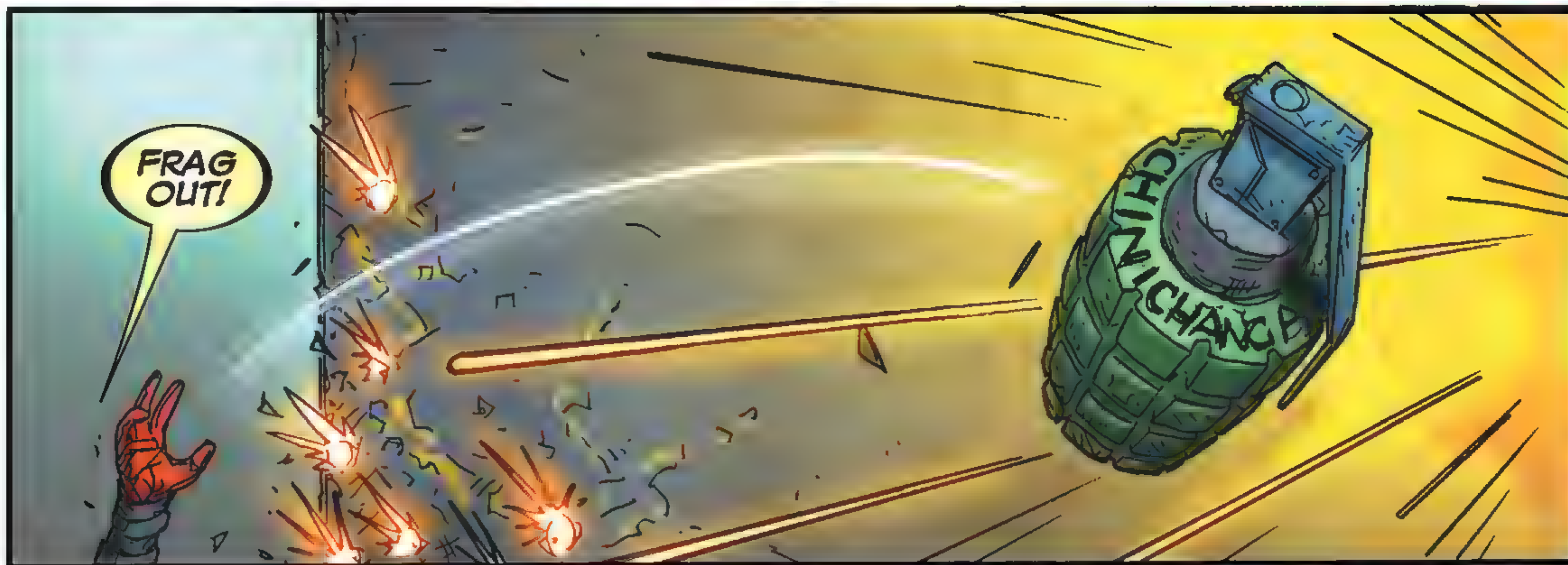
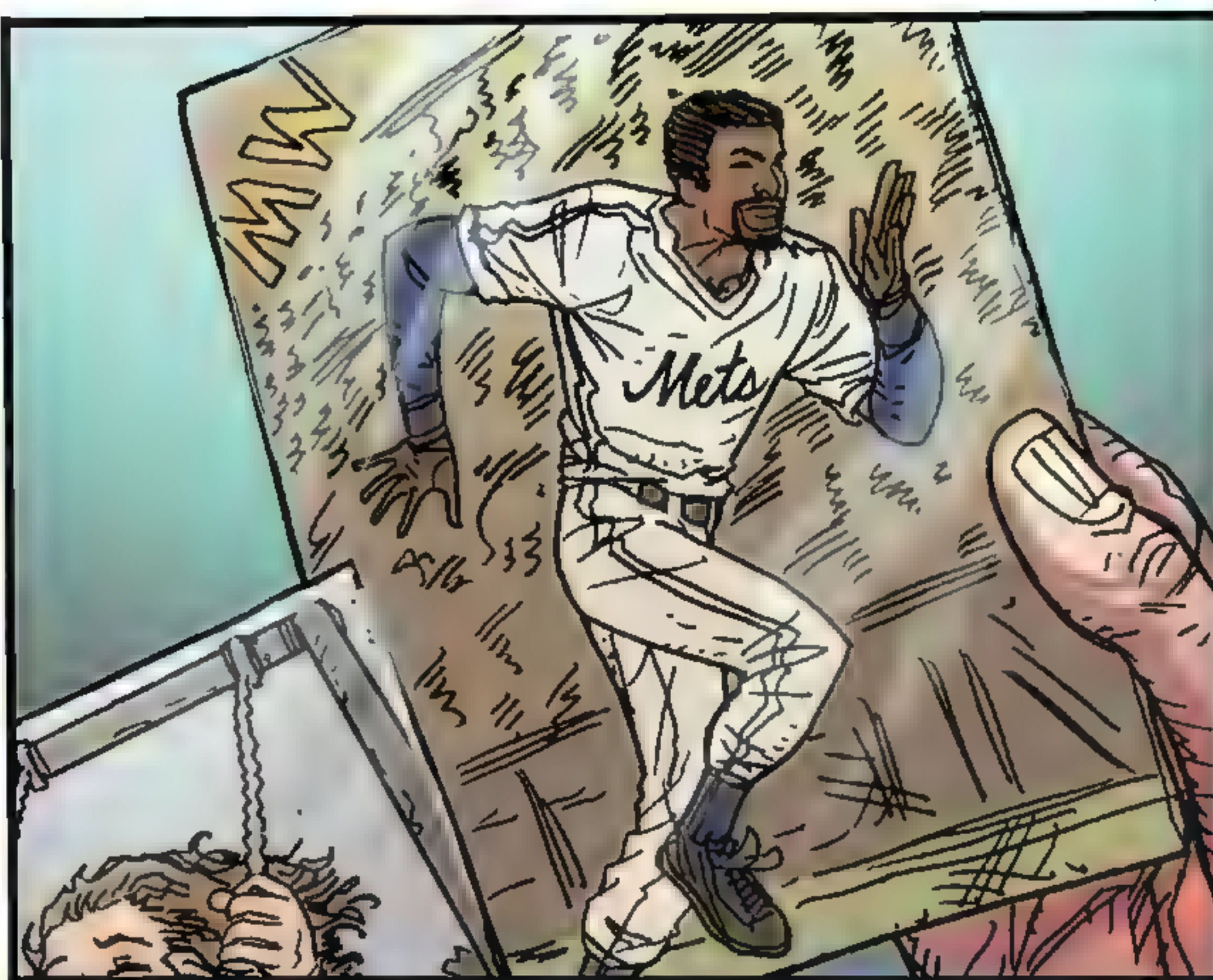
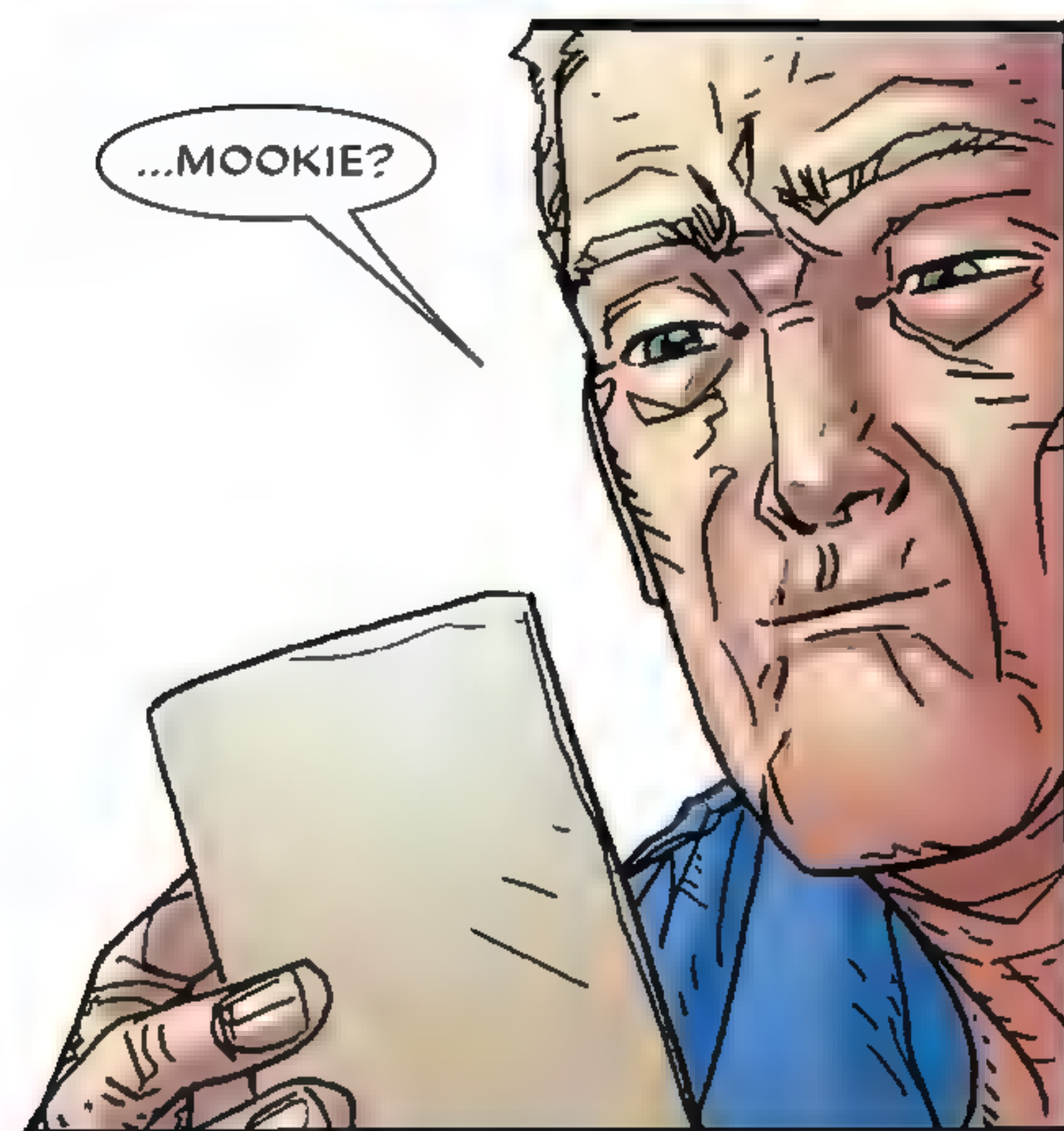
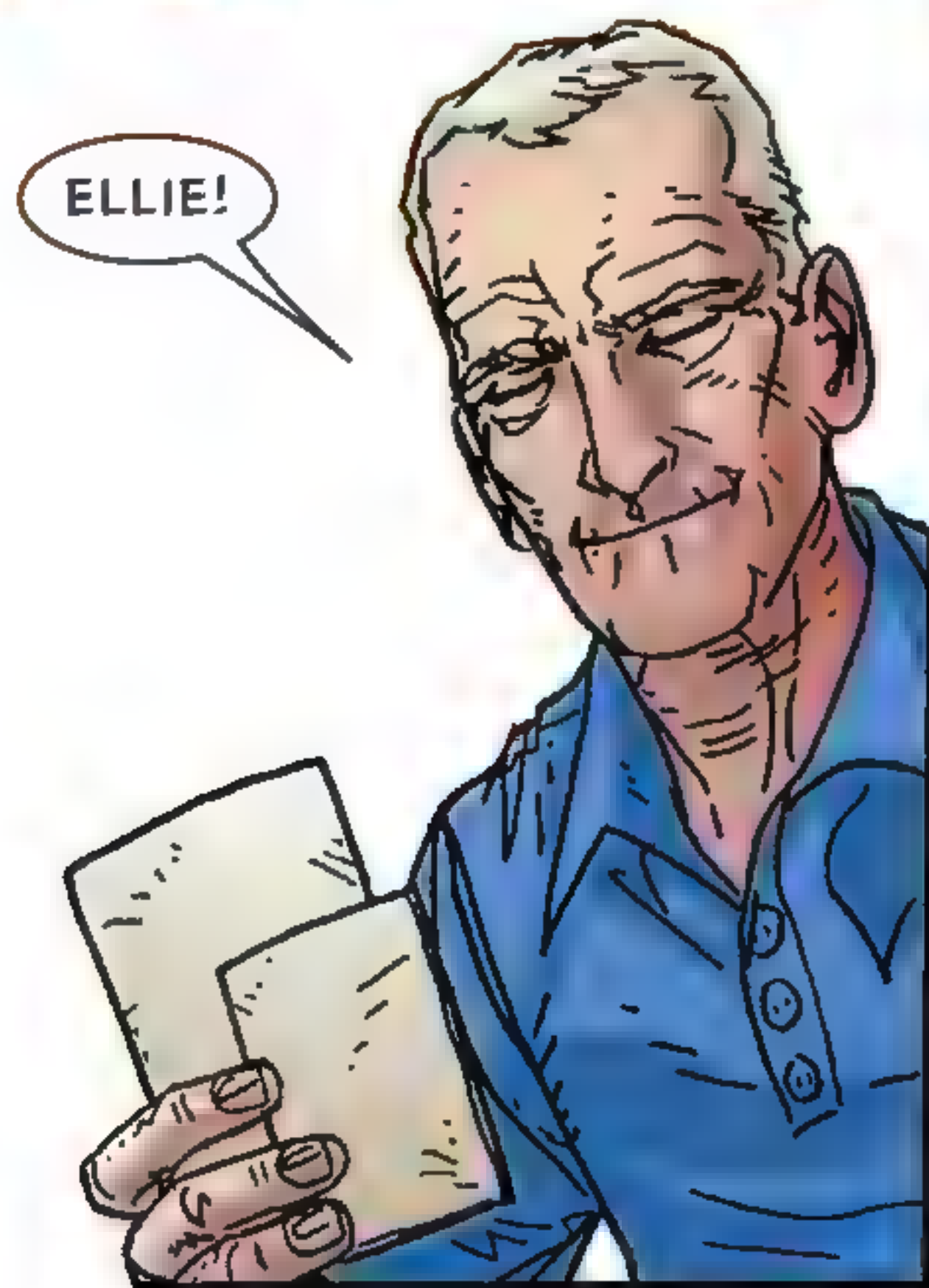
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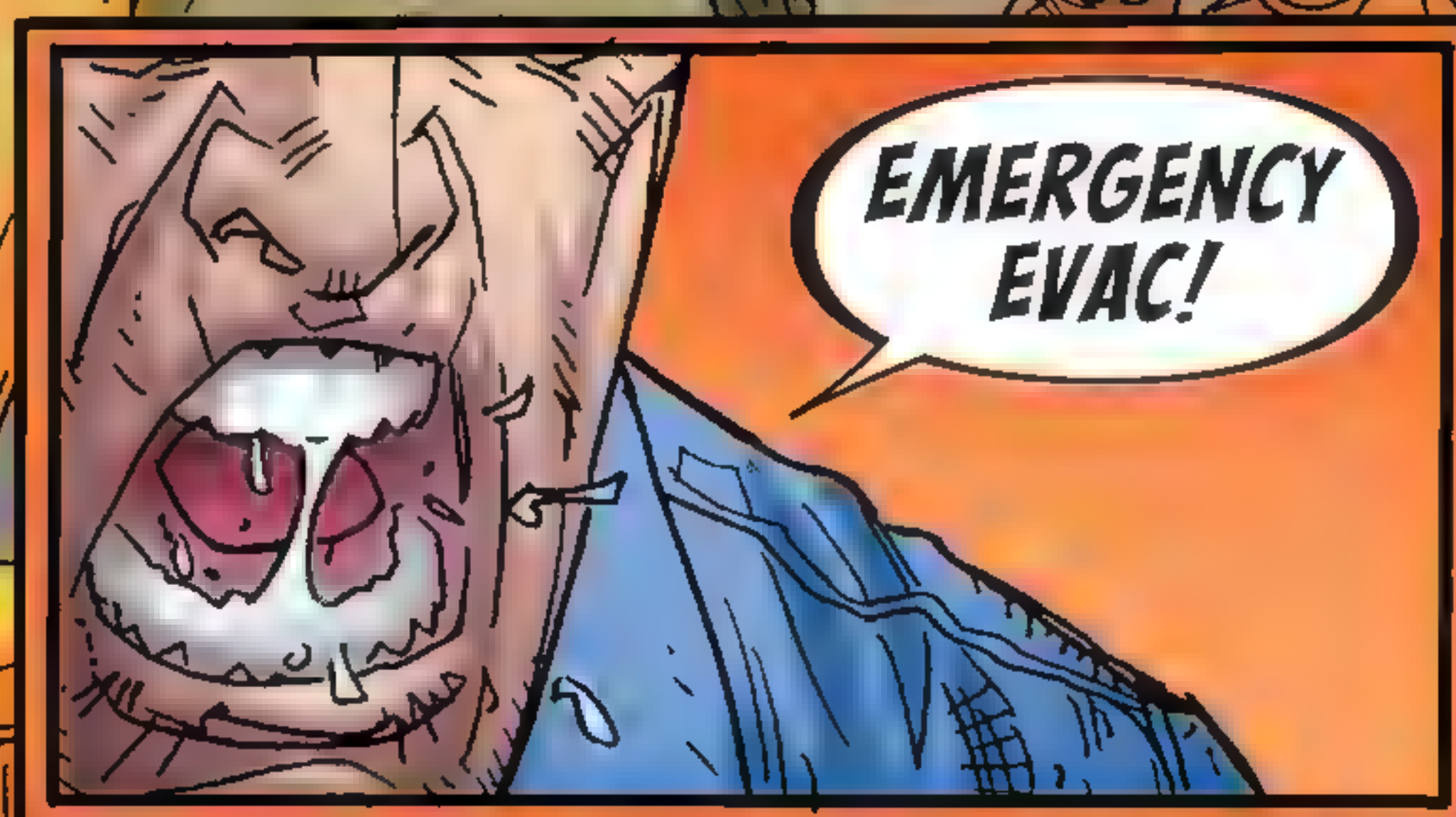
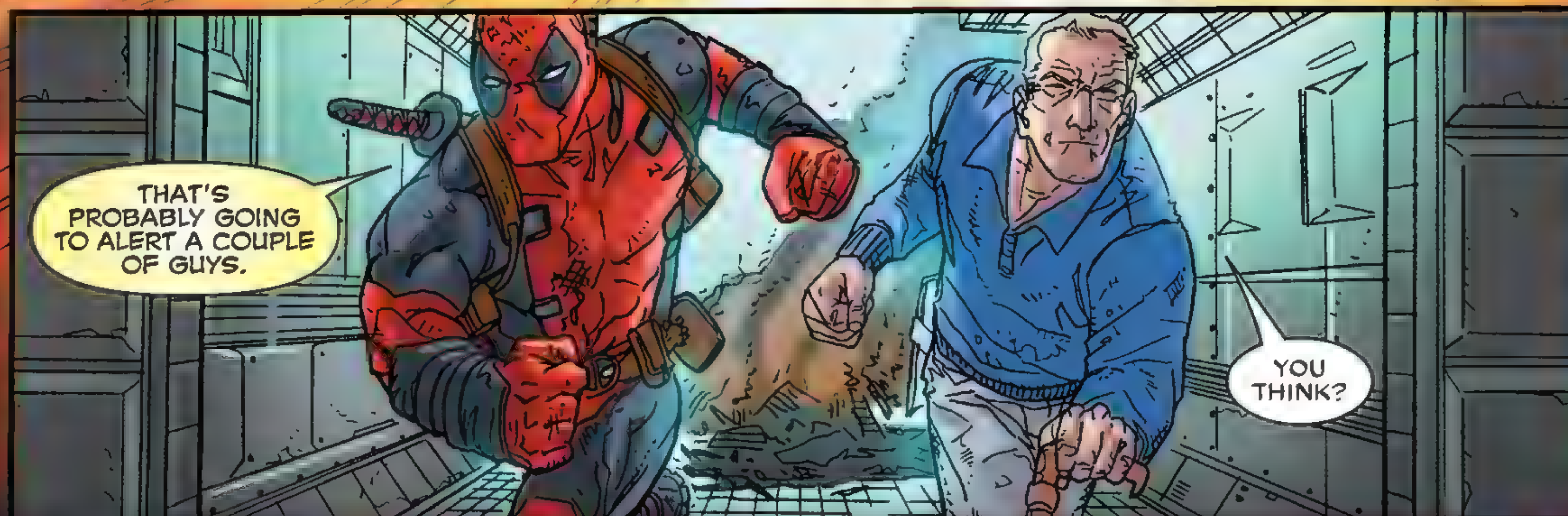


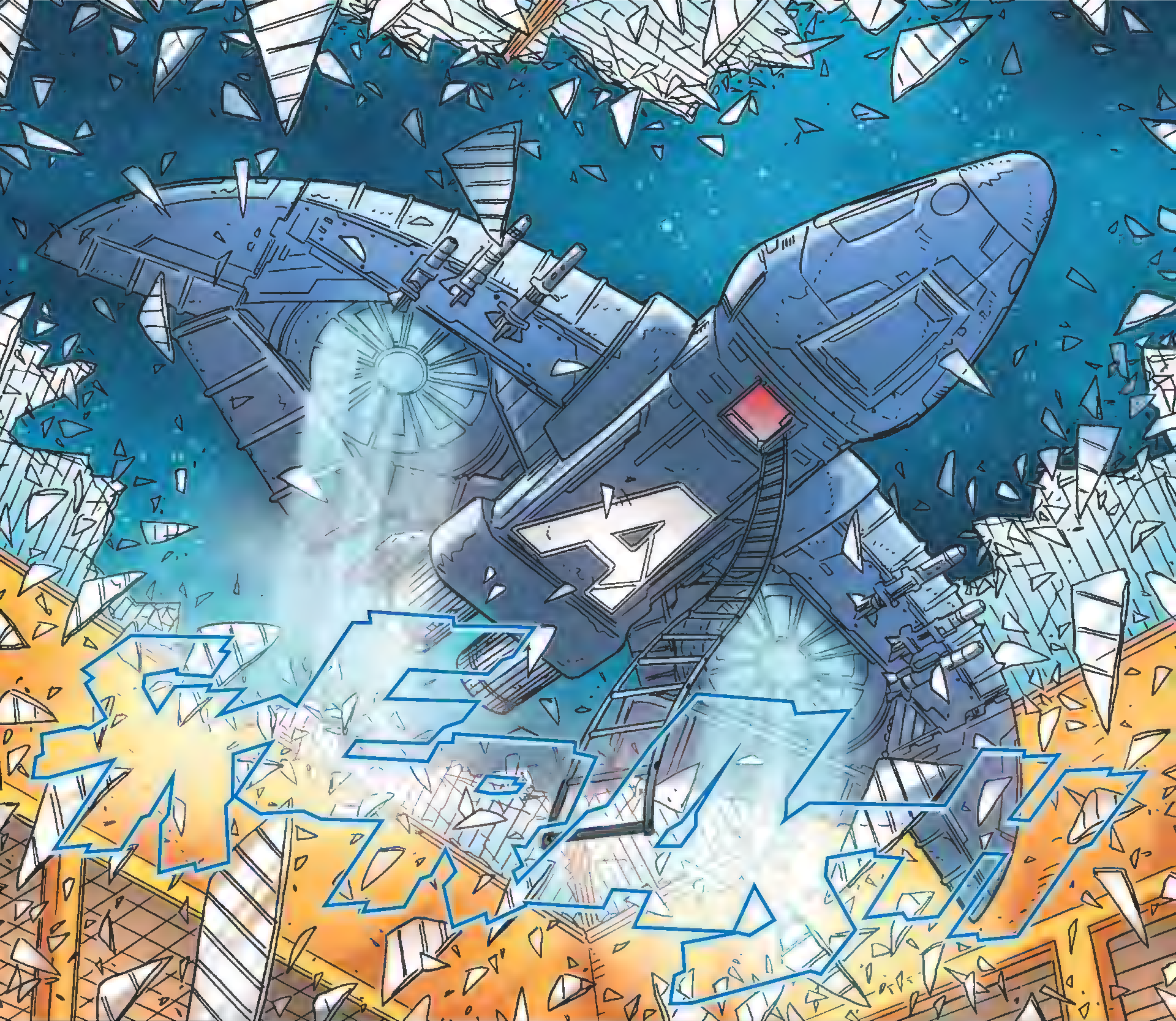


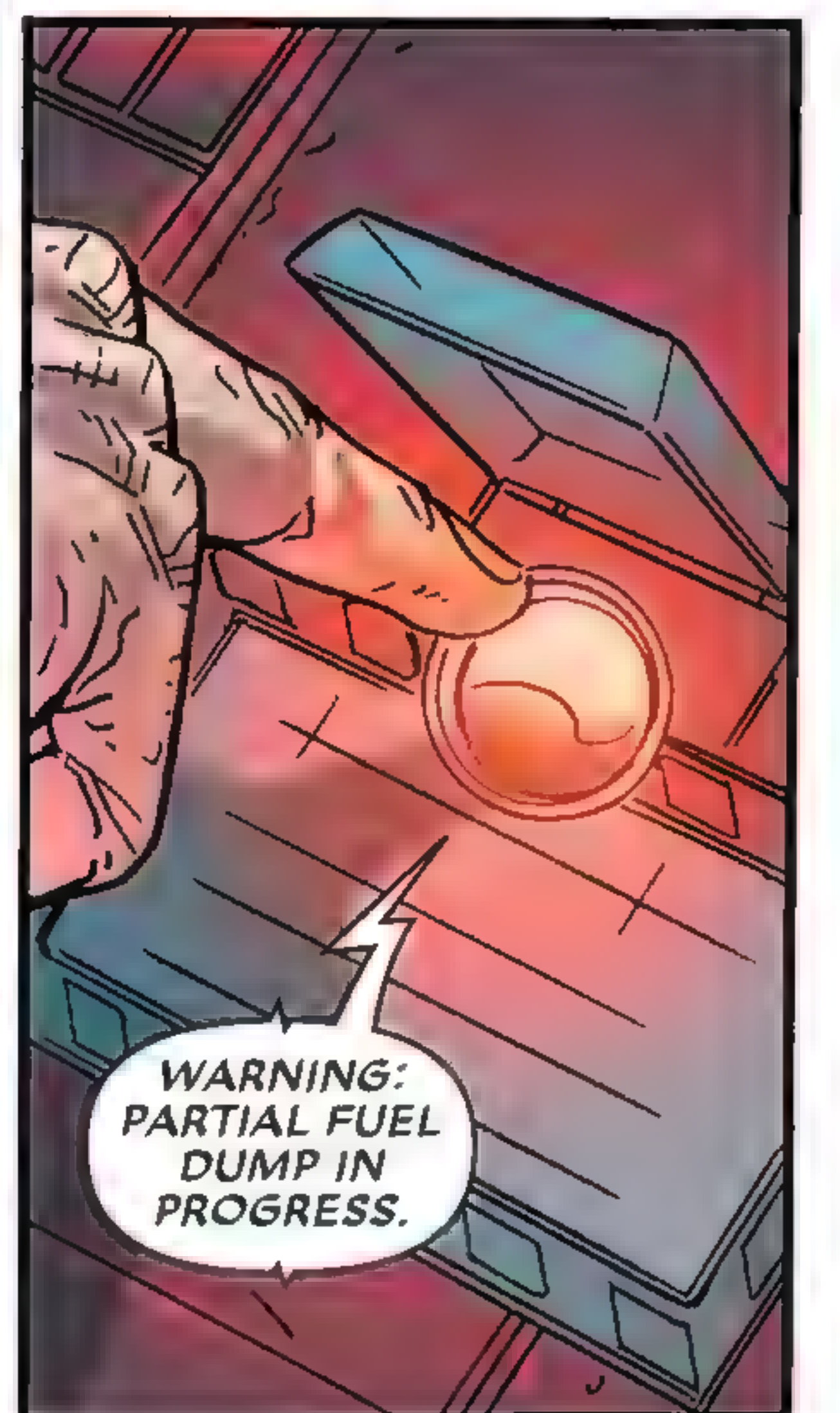
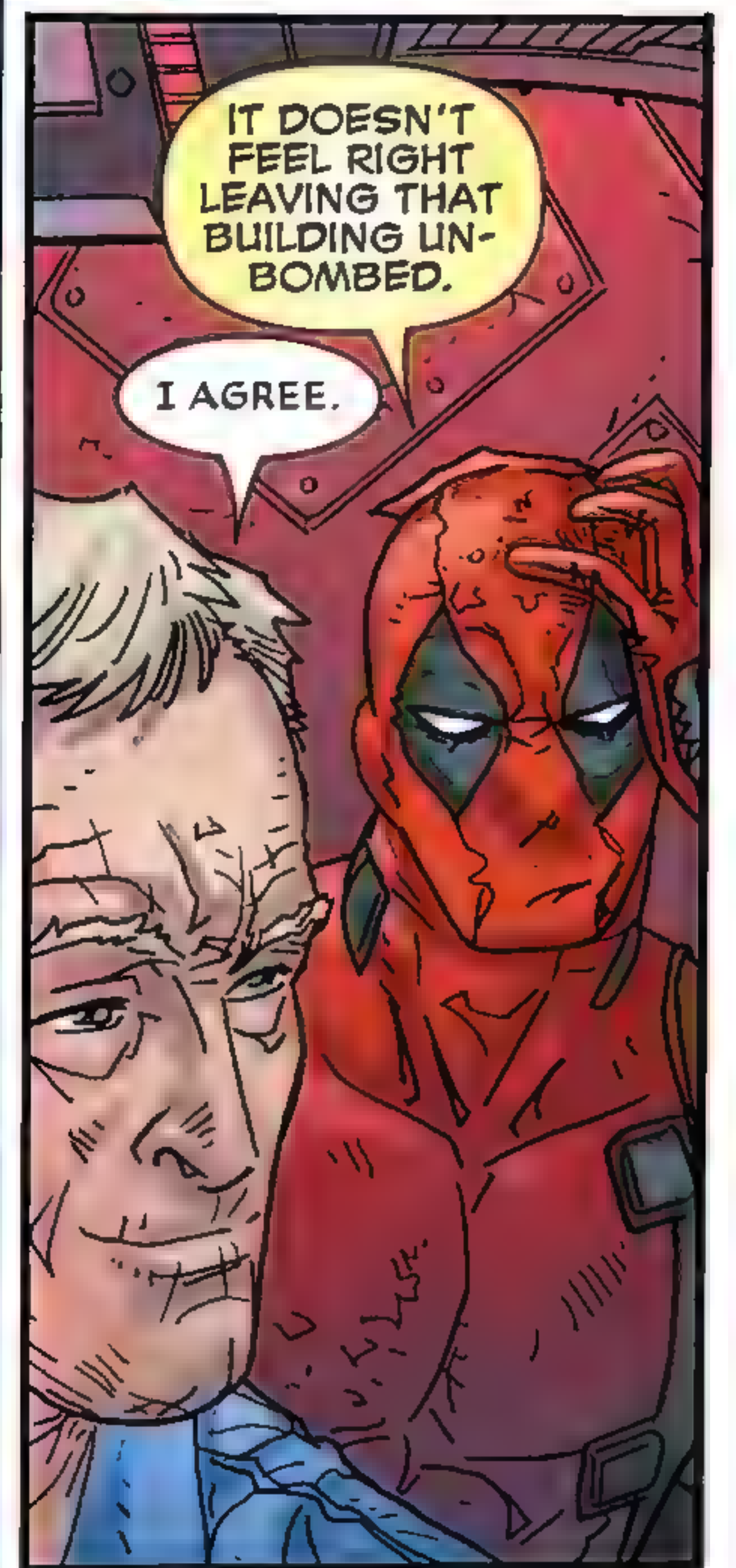
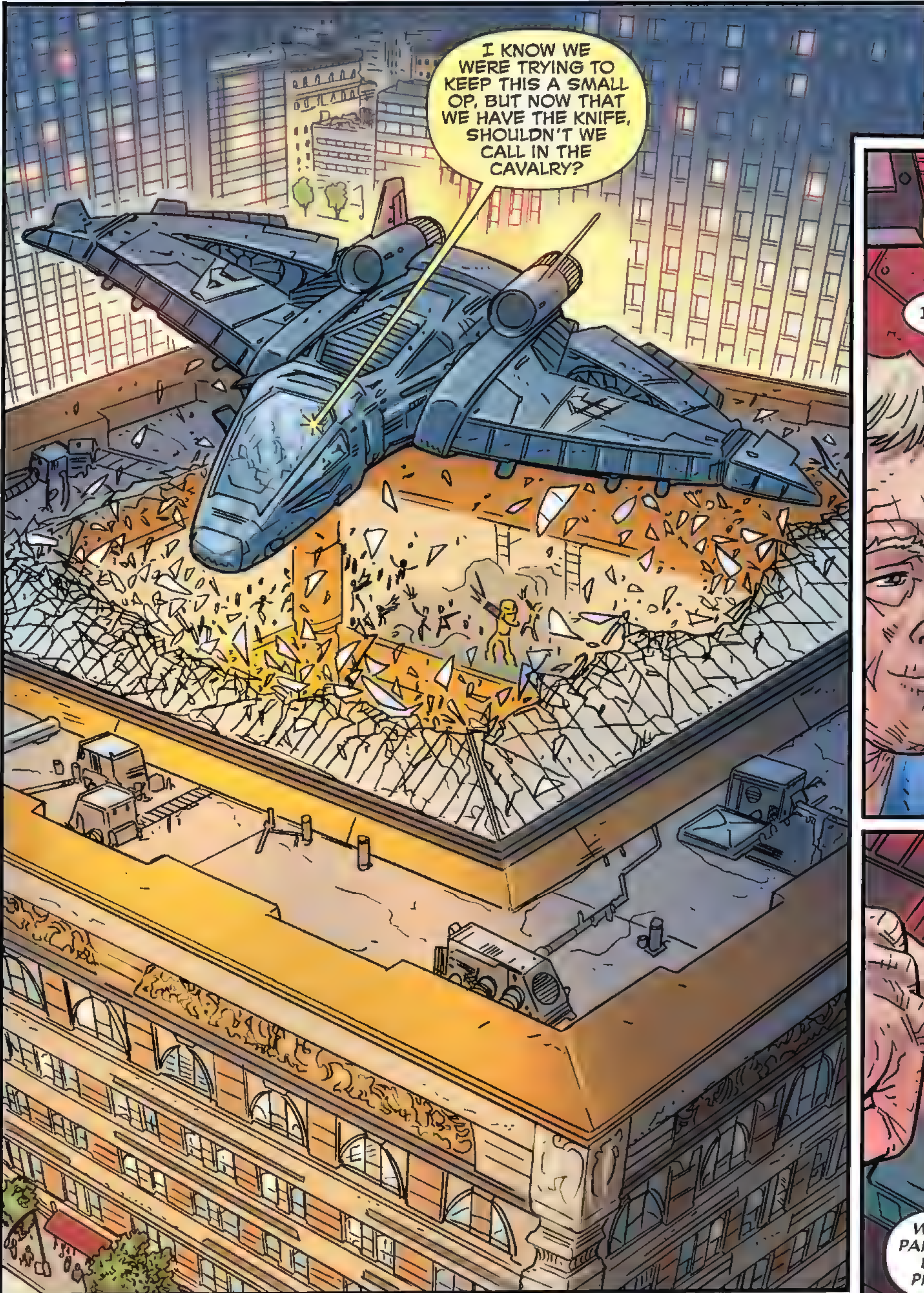
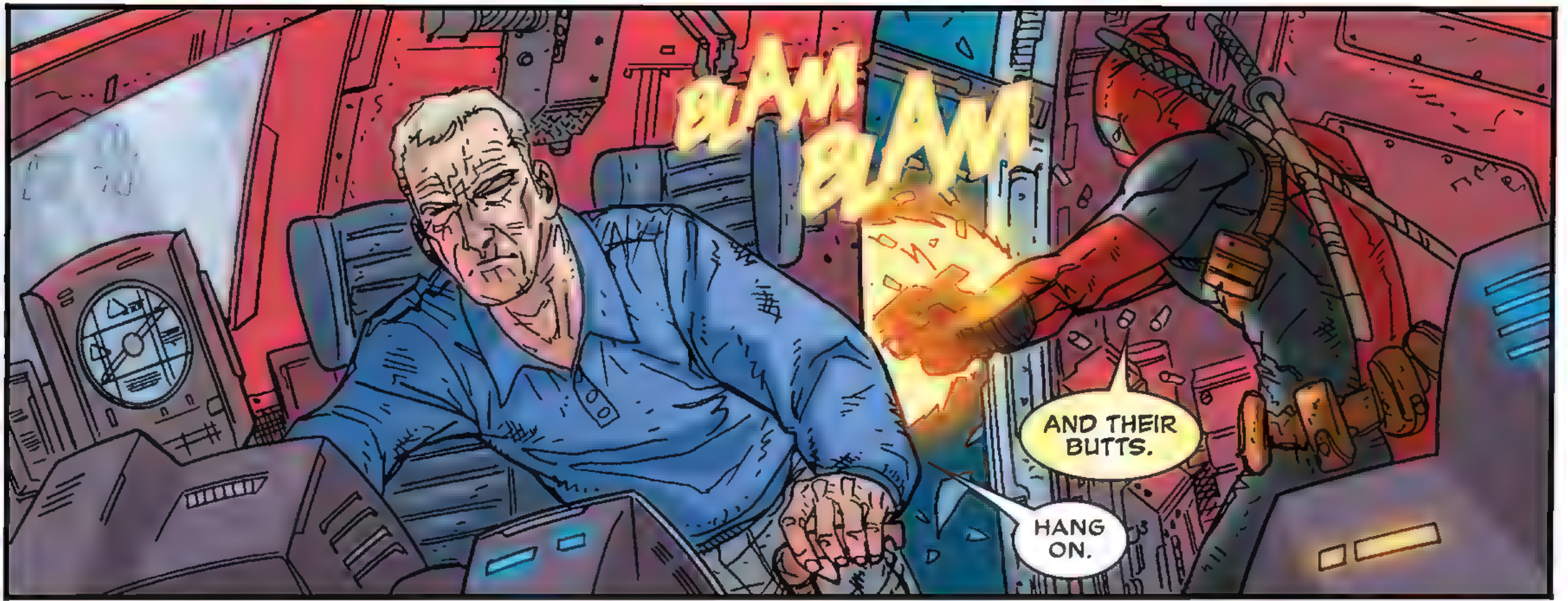
BRAKKA BRAKKA BRAKKA



BOOM

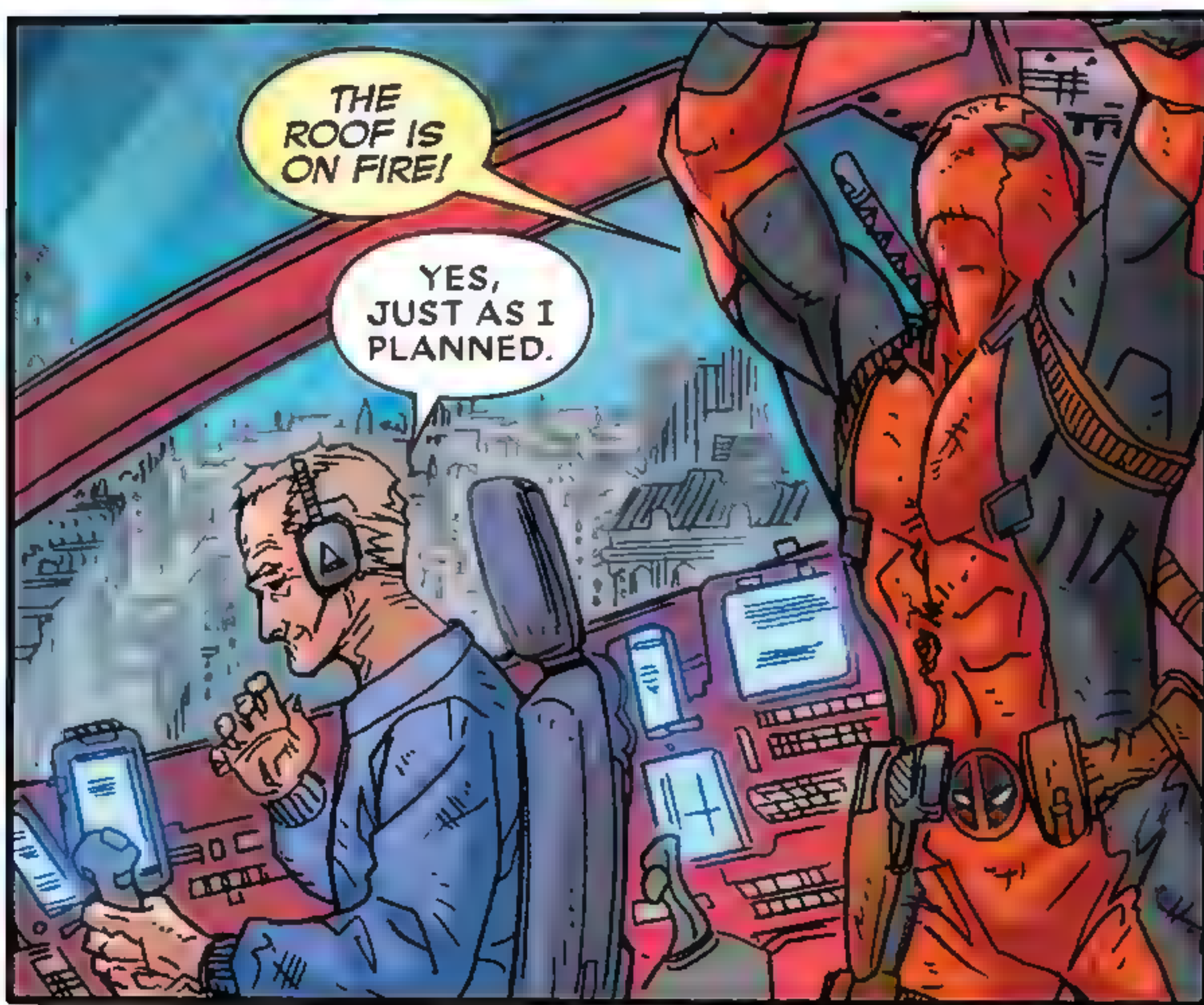






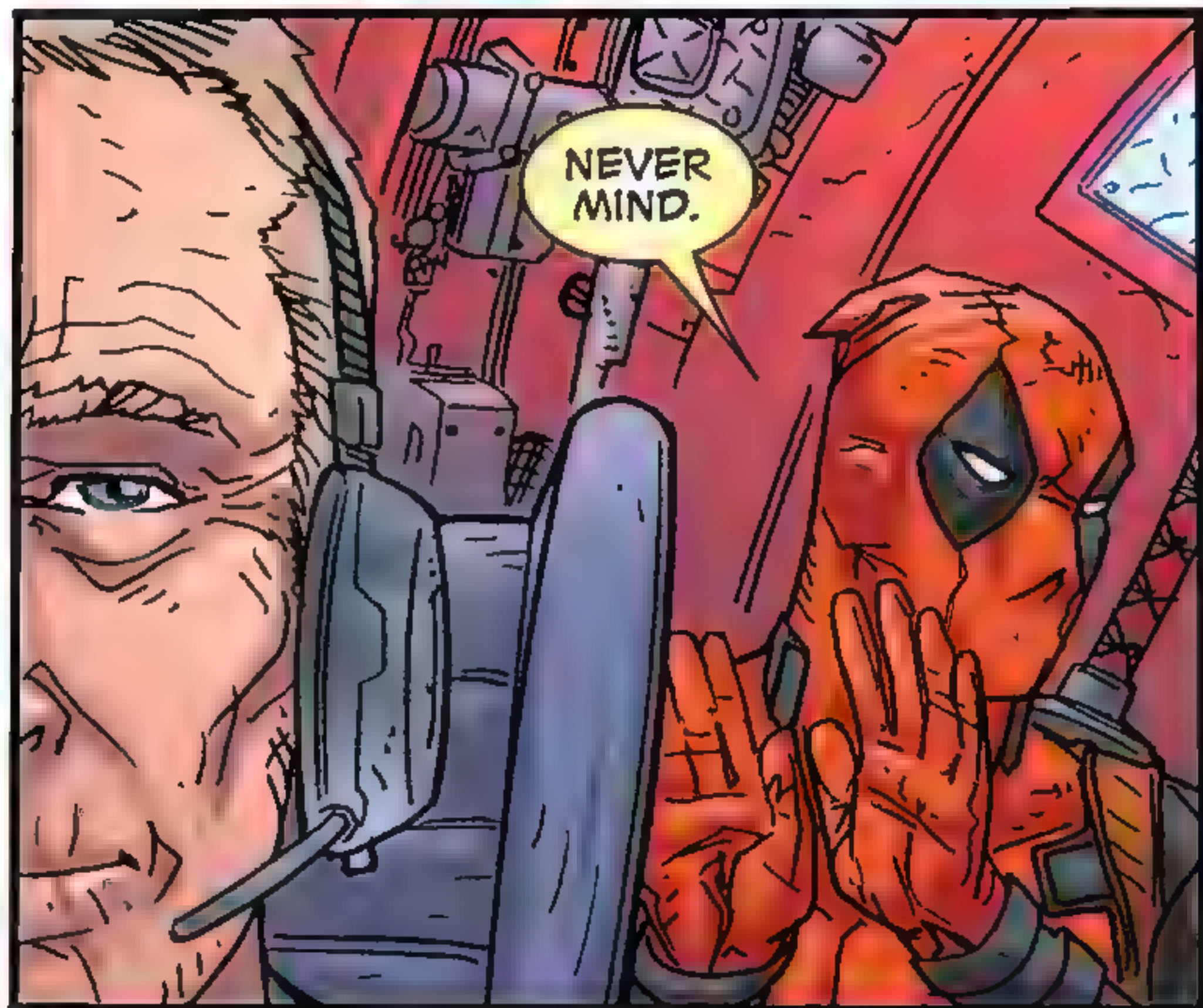


THE
ROOF! THE
ROOF!

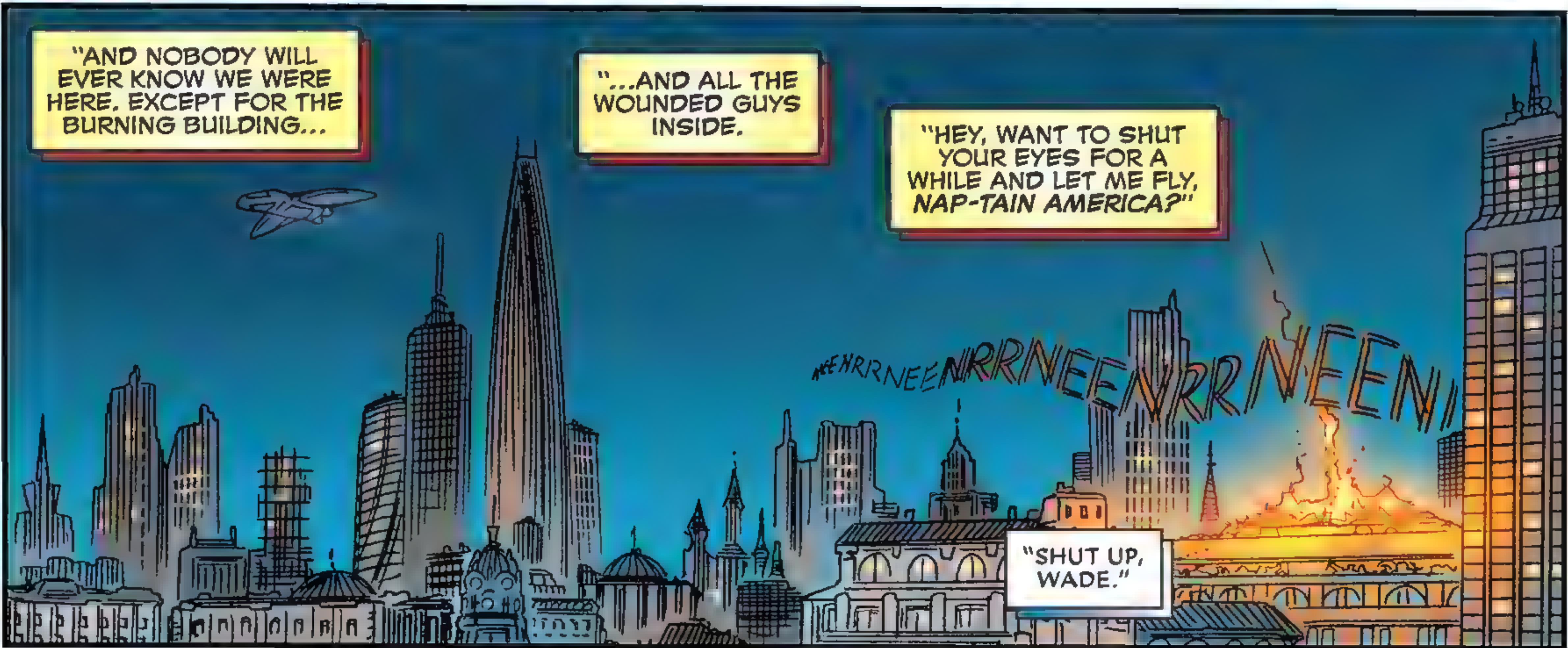


THE
ROOF IS
ON FIRE!

YES,
JUST AS I
PLANNED.



NEVER
MIND.



"AND NOBODY WILL
EVER KNOW WE WERE
HERE. EXCEPT FOR THE
BURNING BUILDING..."

"...AND ALL THE
WOUNDED GUYS
INSIDE."

"HEY, WANT TO SHUT
YOUR EYES FOR A
WHILE AND LET ME FLY,
NAP-TAIN AMERICA?"

"SHUT UP,
WADE."



LATER,
OVER THE ATLANTIC OCEAN...

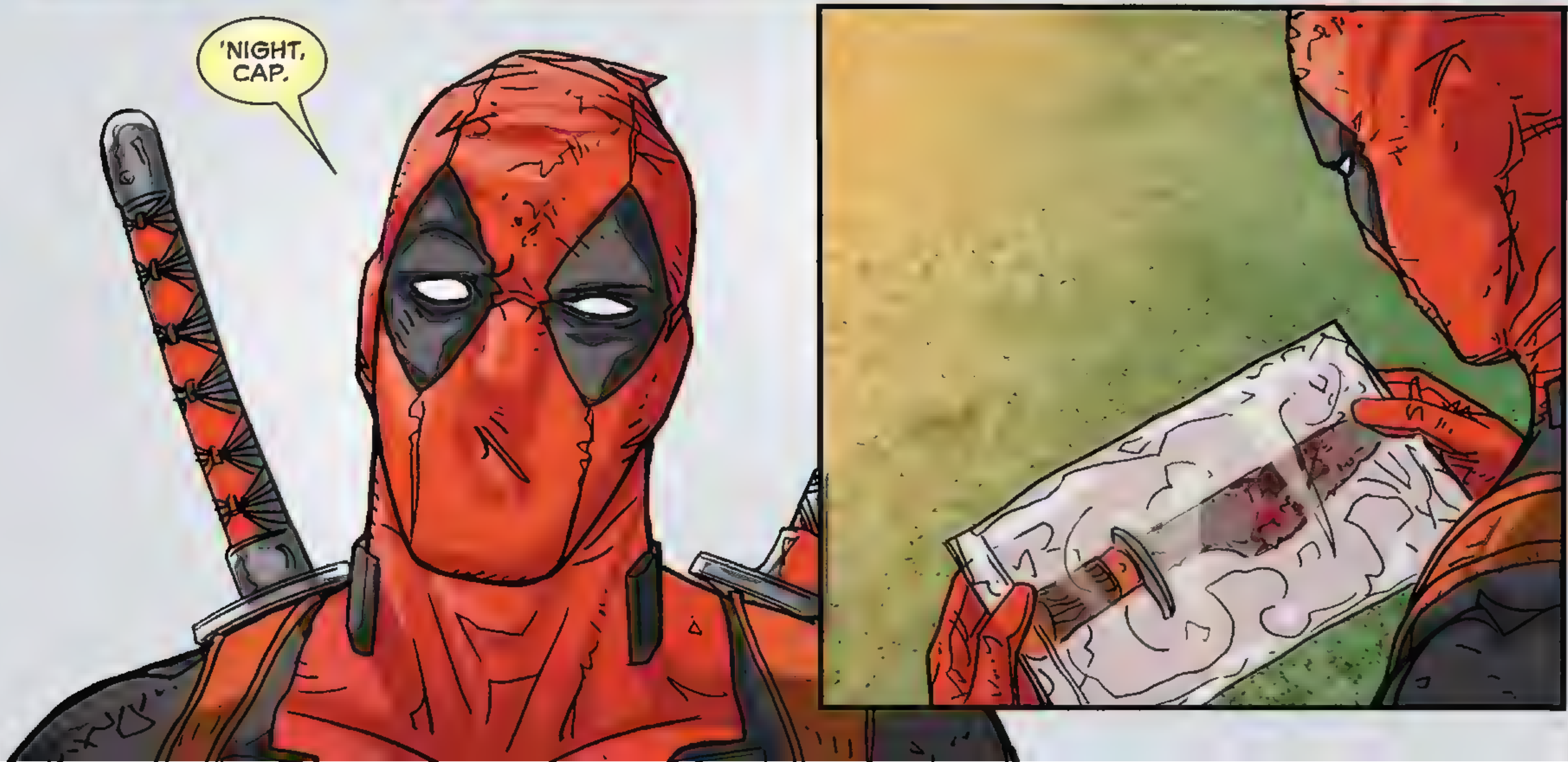
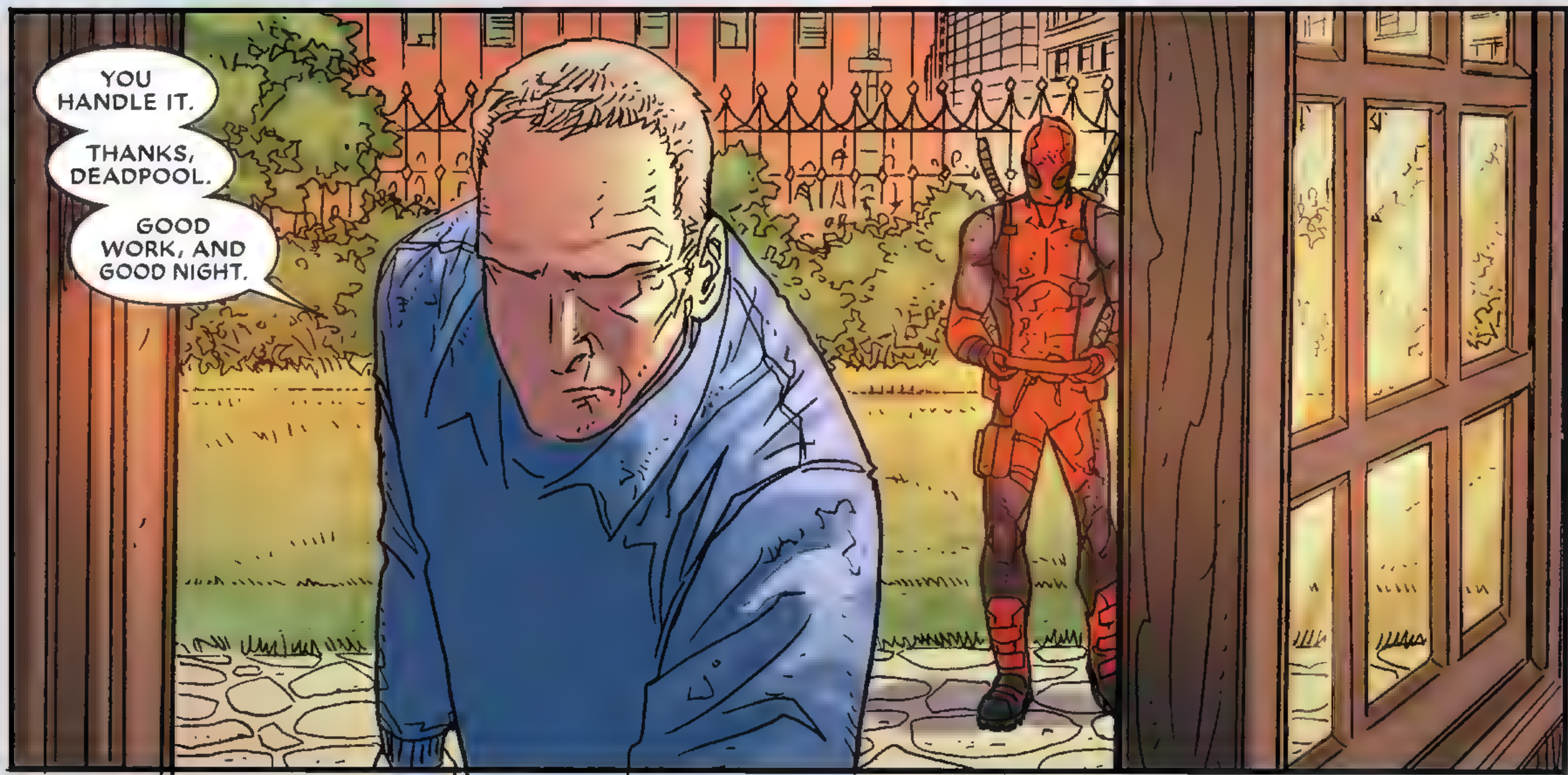
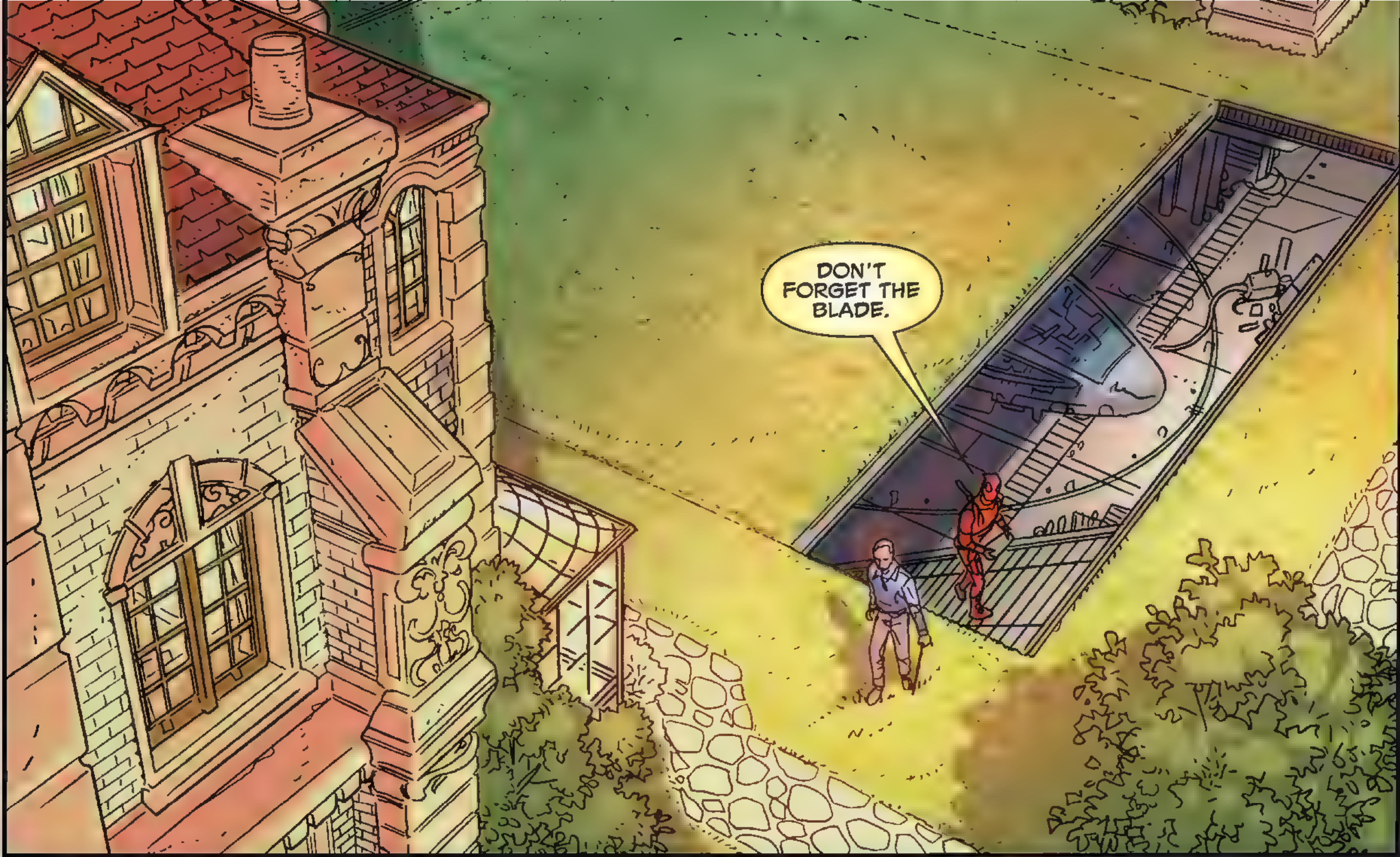
LOGAN
WOULD HAVE
LOVED TONIGHT.

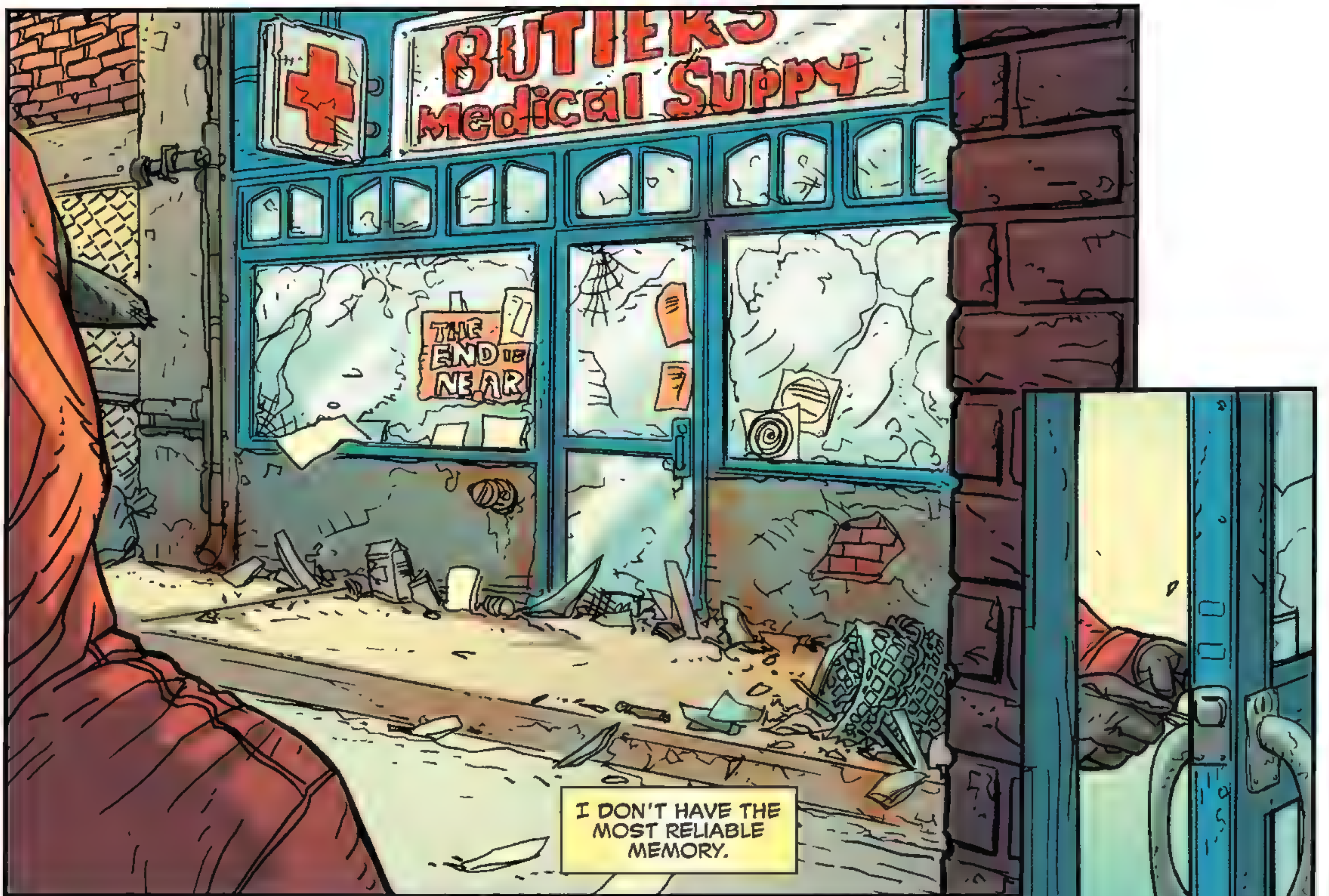
TRUE. THE
GOOD GUYS
WON.

MAY LOGAN
HAVE MADE IT
TO HEAVEN BEFORE
MEPHISTO EVEN
REALIZED HE
WAS DEAD.

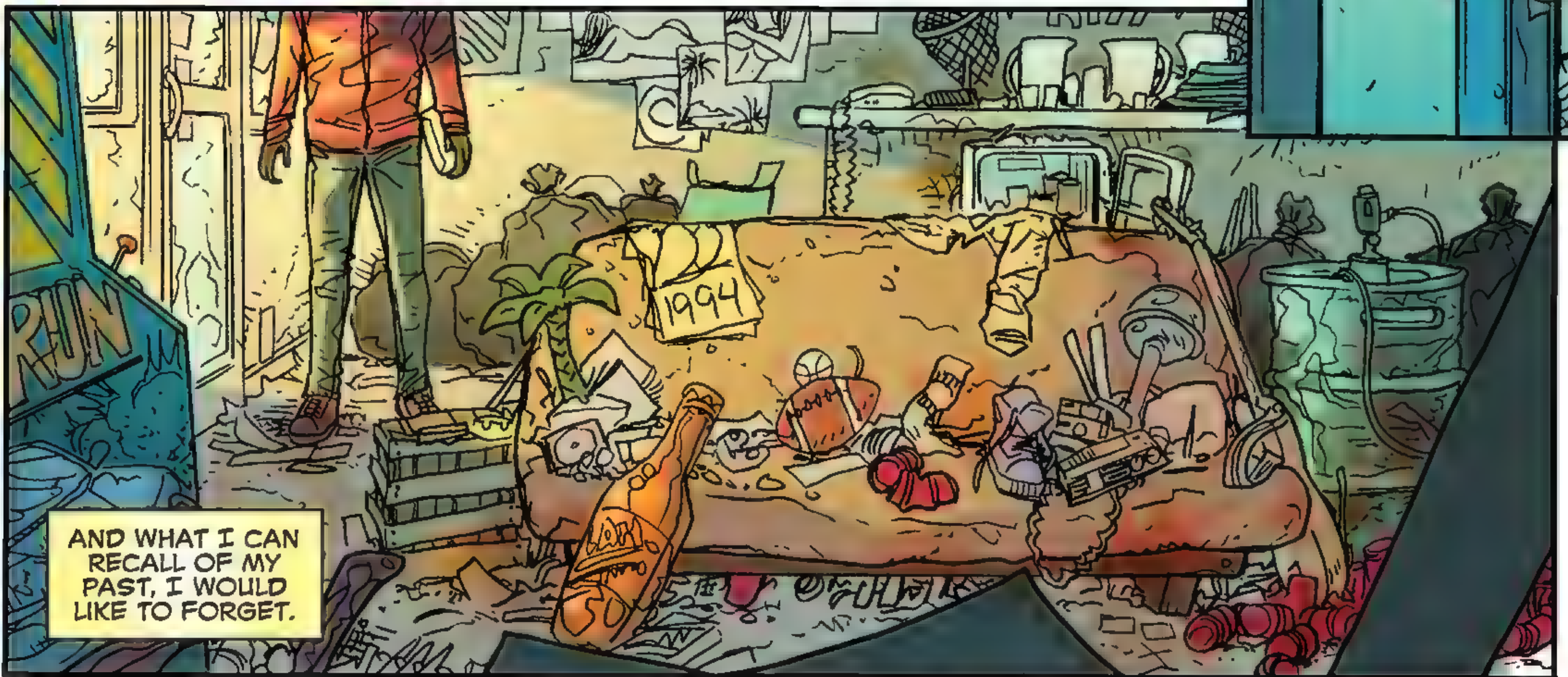
HE WHO
LOSES MONEY,
LOSES MUCH--HE WHO
LOSES A FRIEND, LOSES
MORE; HE WHO
LOSES FAITH,
LOSES ALL.



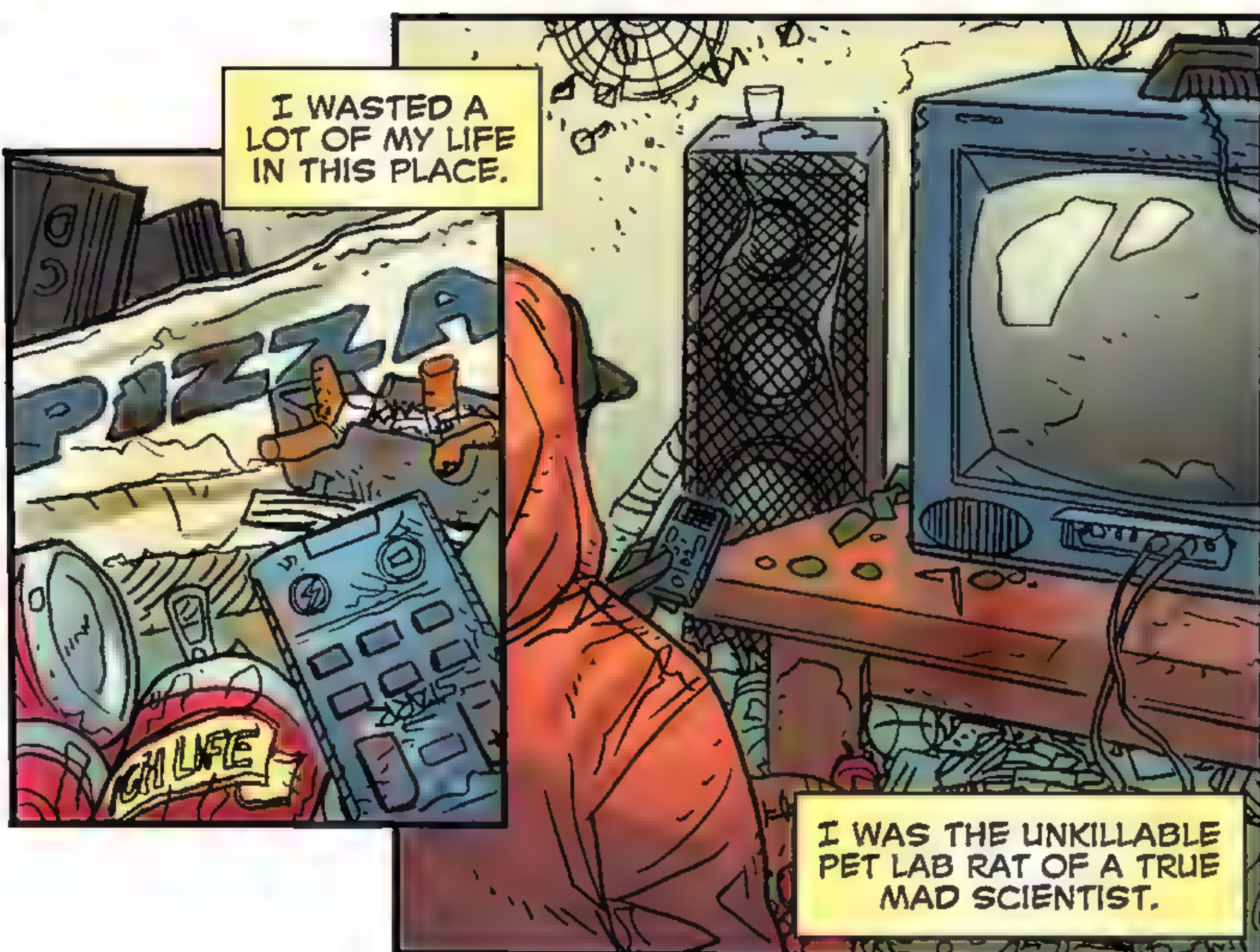




I DON'T HAVE THE MOST RELIABLE MEMORY.

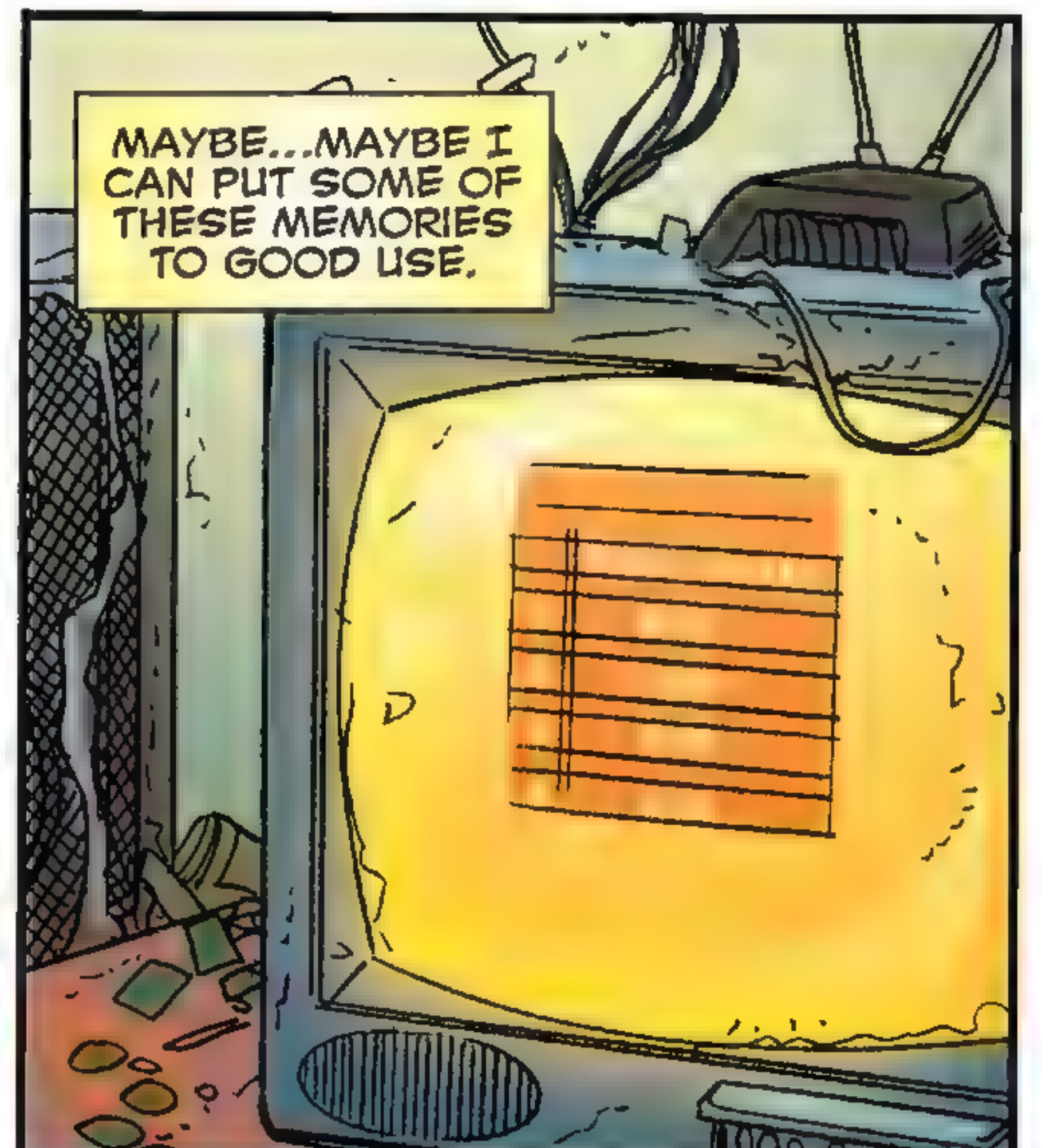


AND WHAT I CAN RECALL OF MY PAST, I WOULD LIKE TO FORGET.

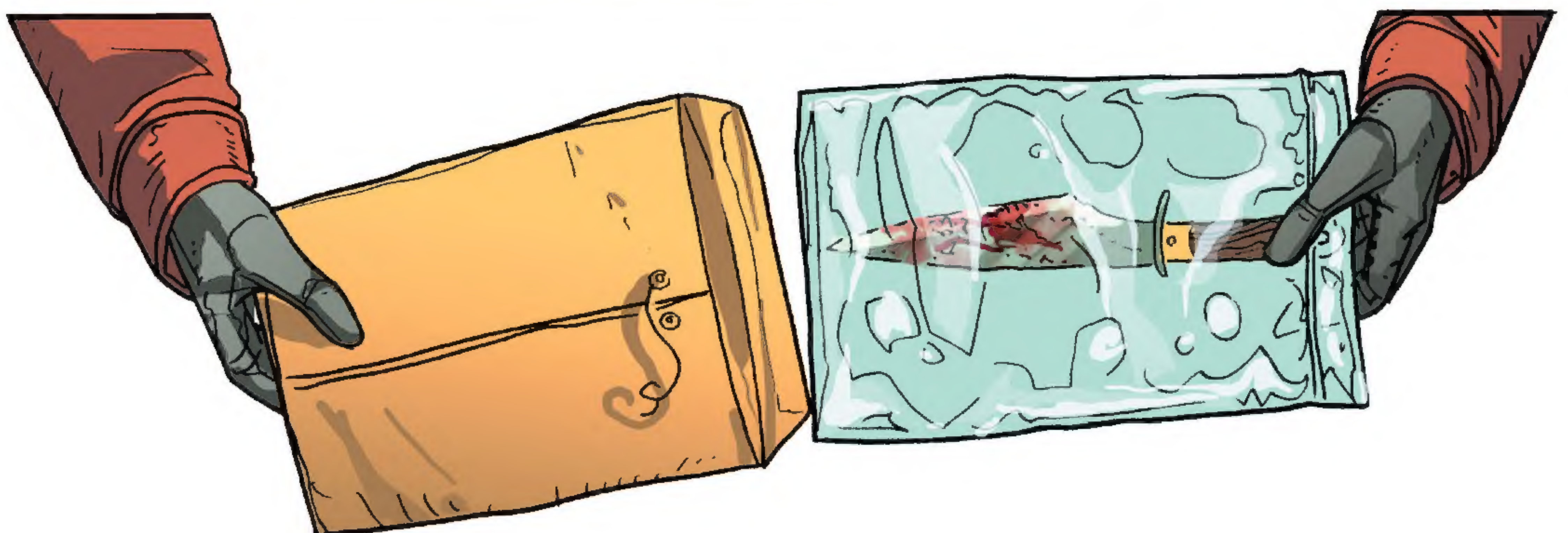
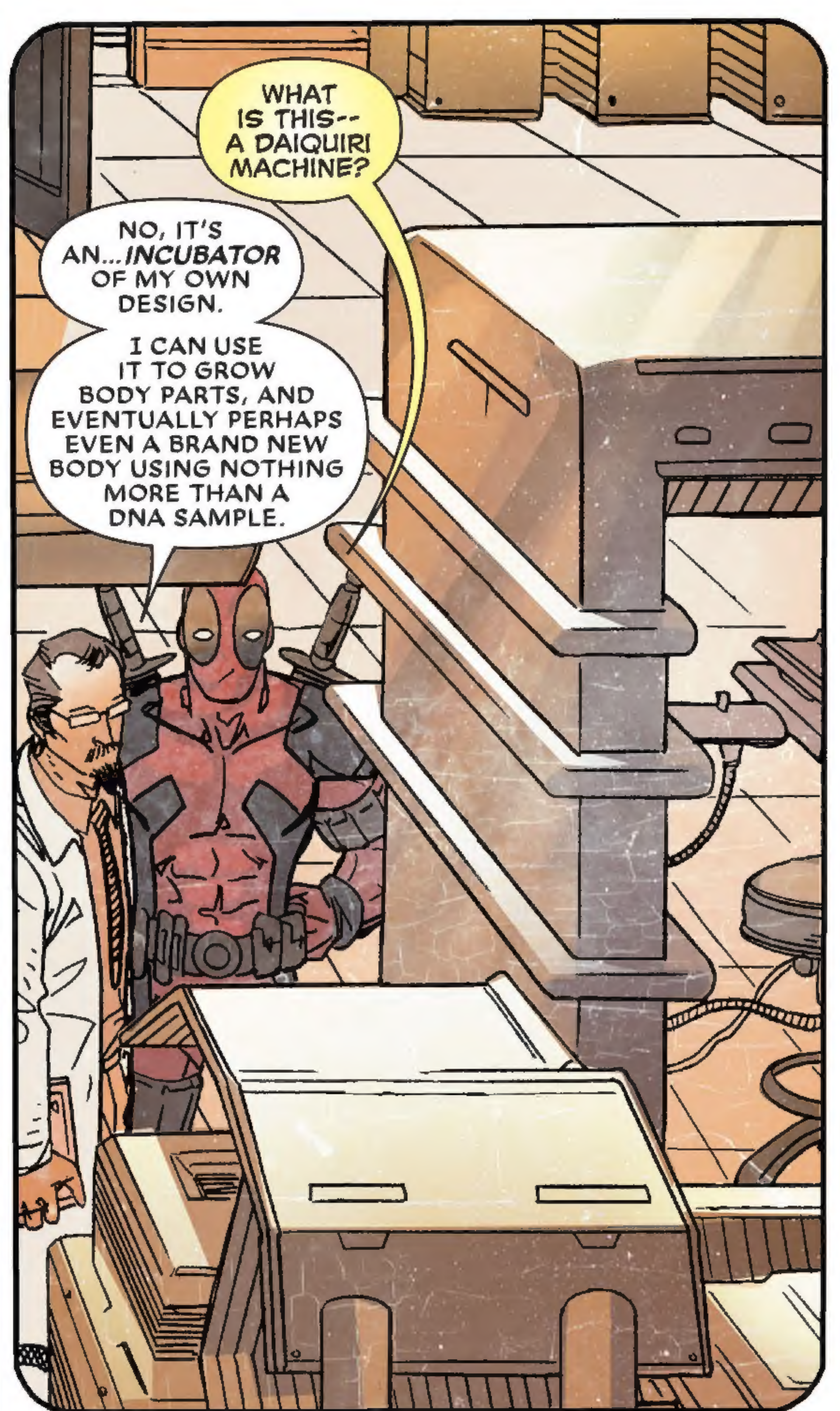
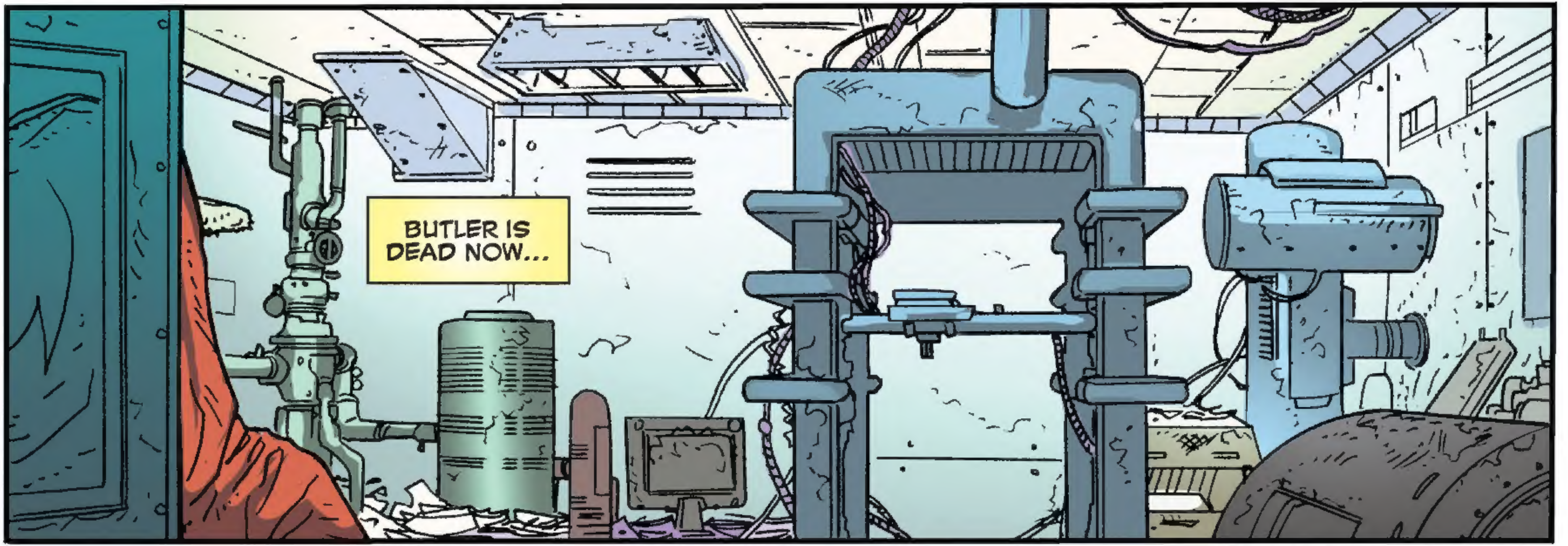


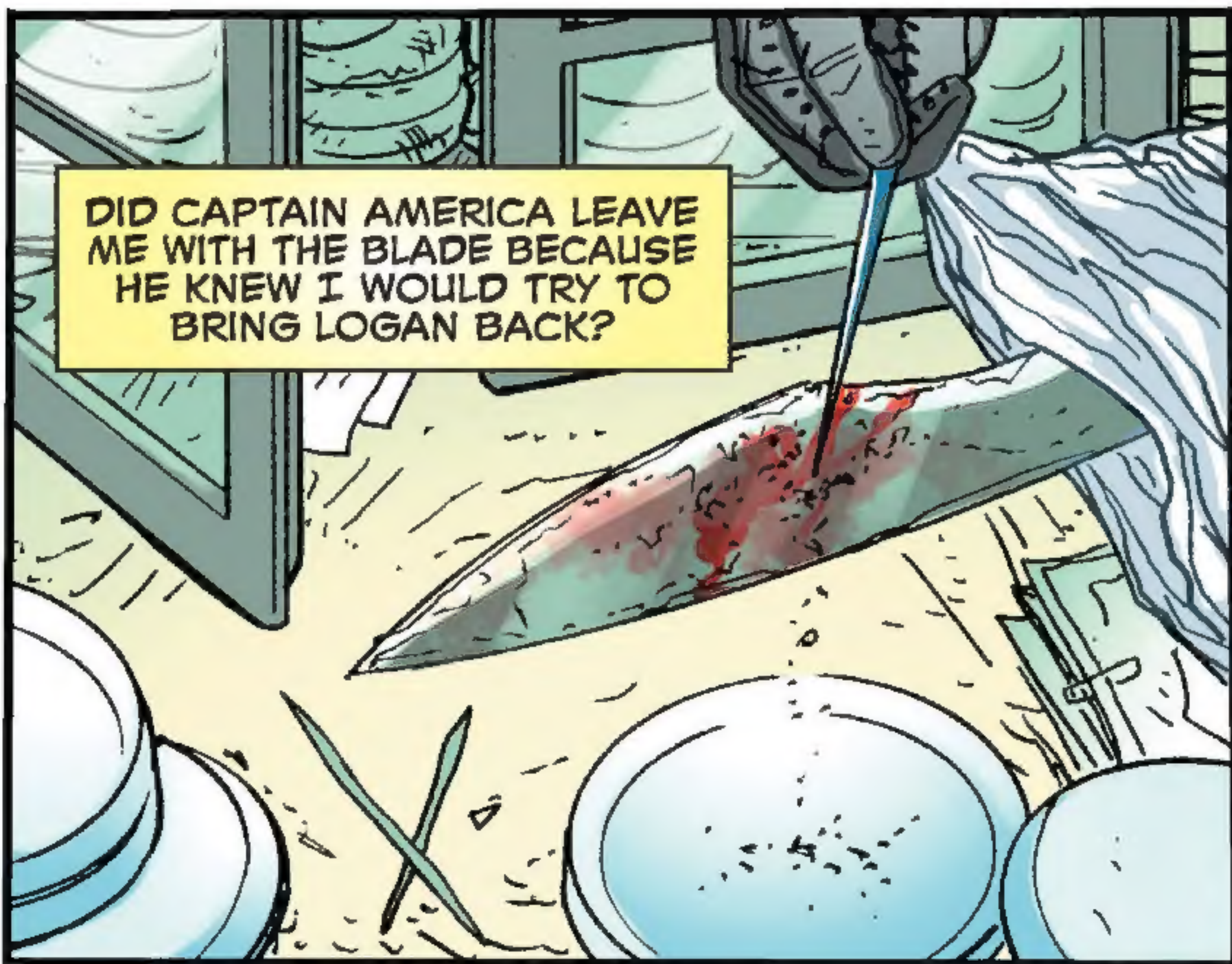
I WASTED A LOT OF MY LIFE IN THIS PLACE.

I WAS THE UNKILLABLE PET LAB RAT OF A TRUE MAD SCIENTIST.

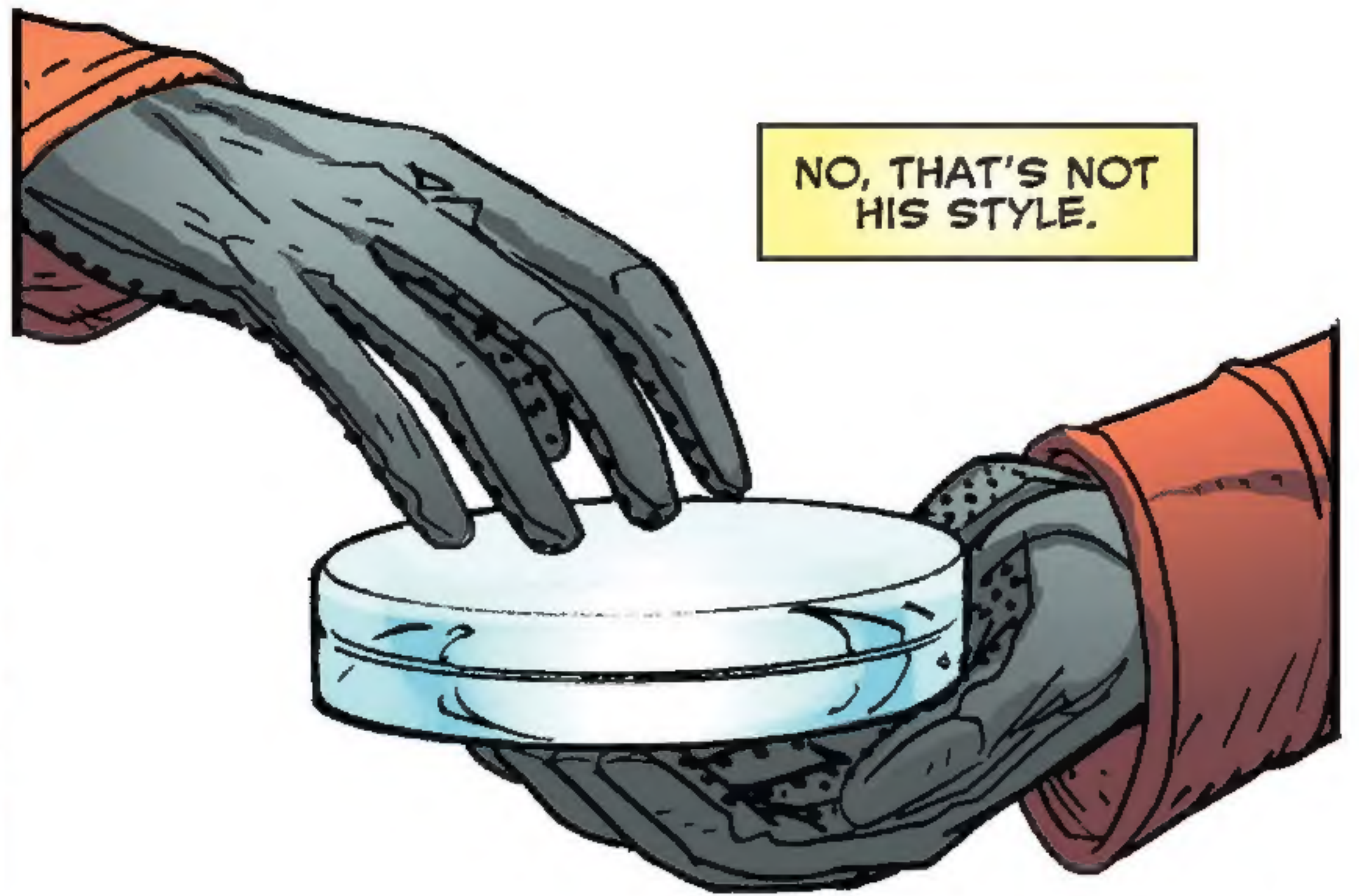


MAYBE...MAYBE I CAN PUT SOME OF THESE MEMORIES TO GOOD USE.

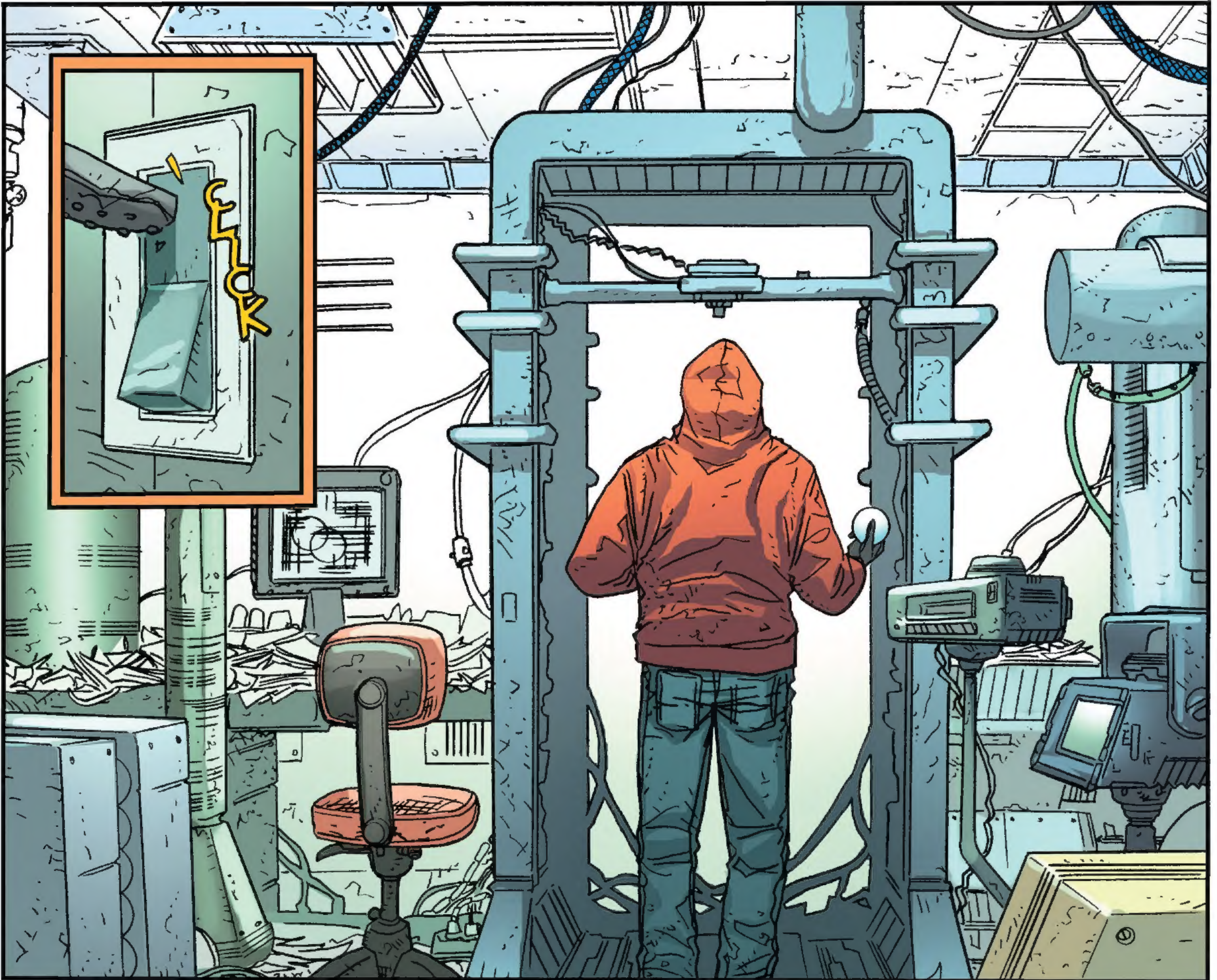




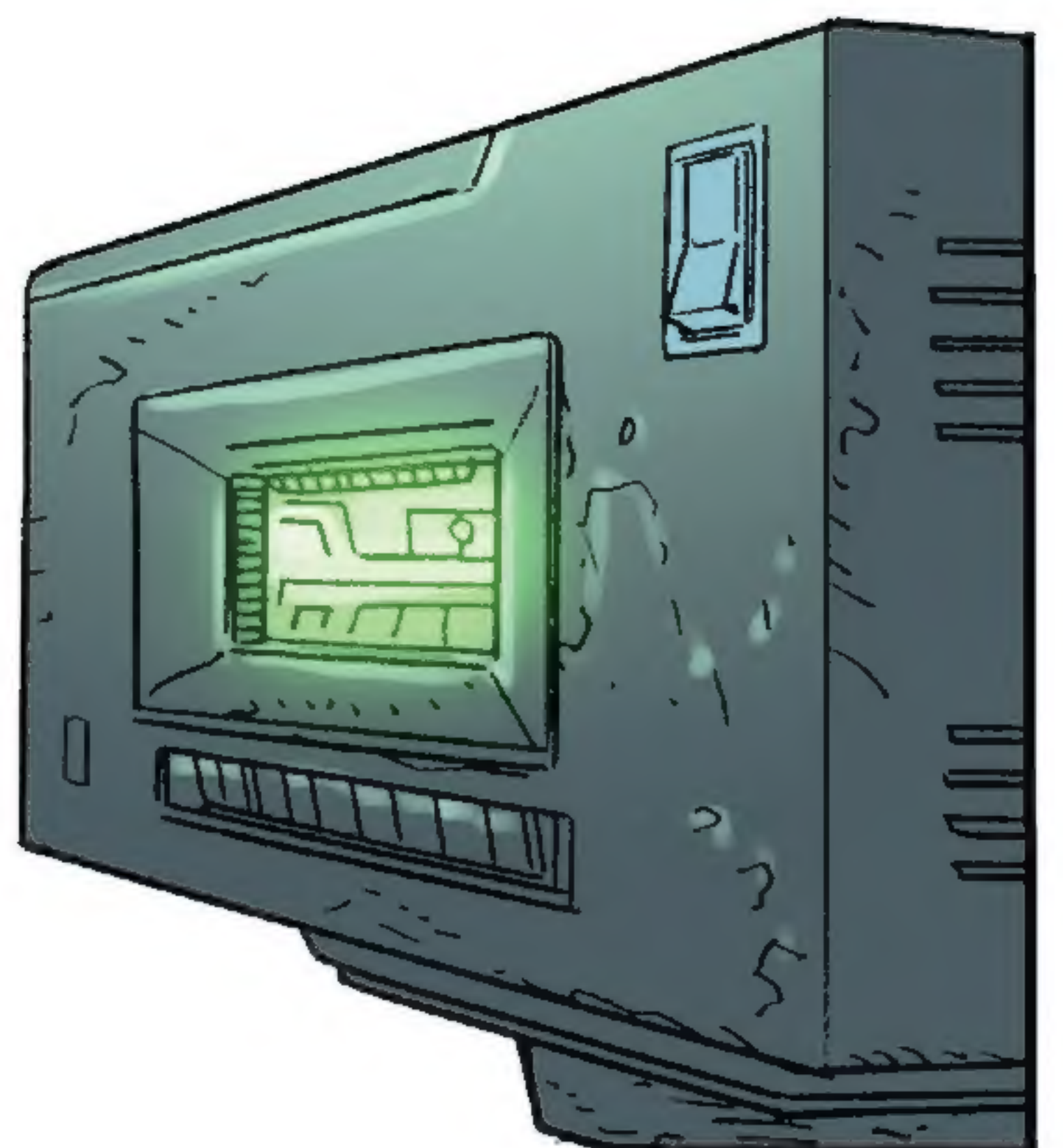
DID CAPTAIN AMERICA LEAVE ME WITH THE BLADE BECAUSE HE KNEW I WOULD TRY TO BRING LOGAN BACK?



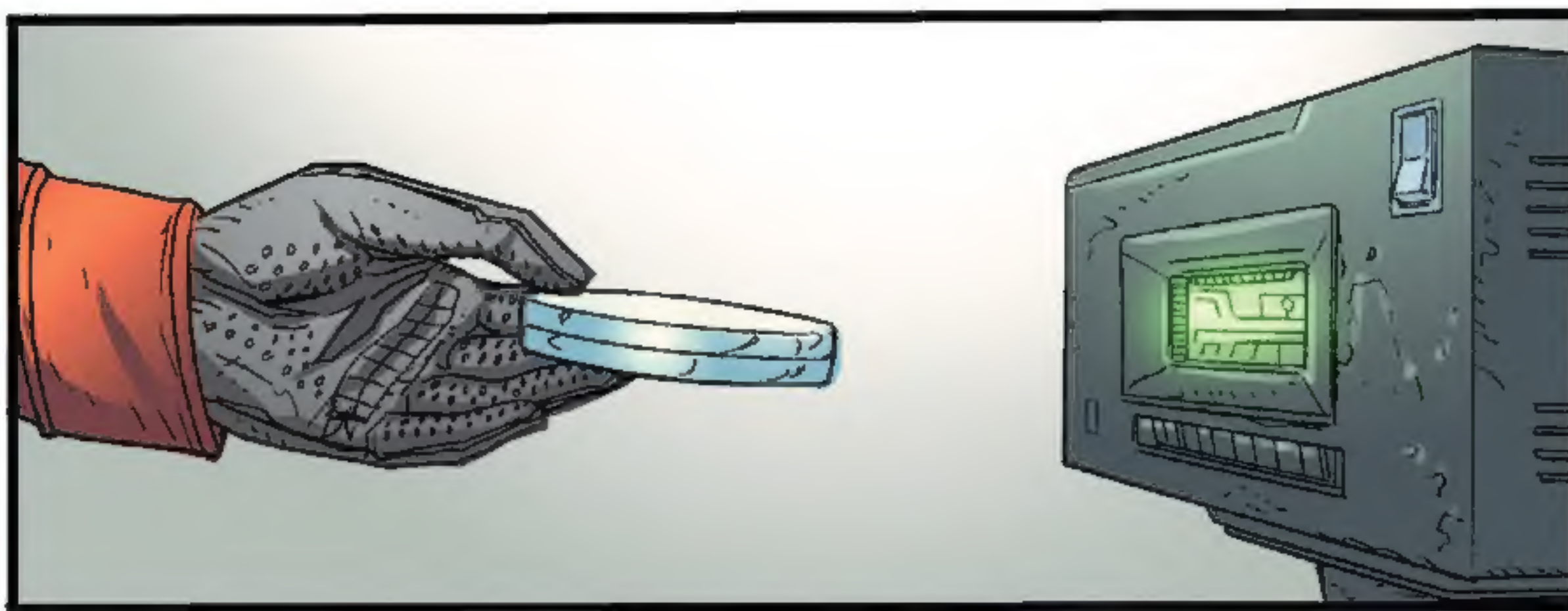
NO, THAT'S NOT HIS STYLE.



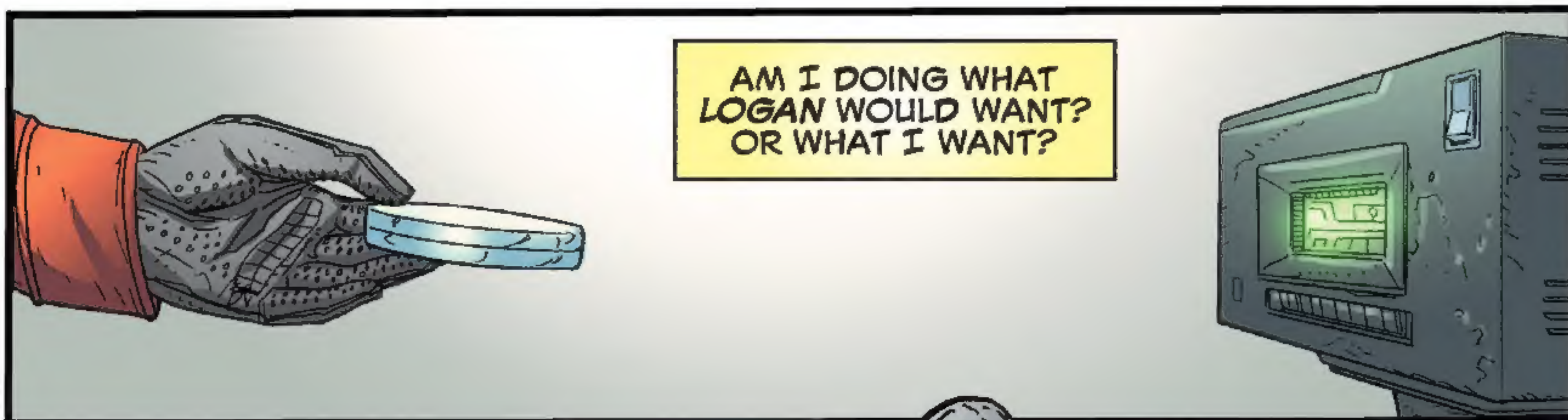
ROGERS TRUSTED ME TO DO THE RIGHT THING...



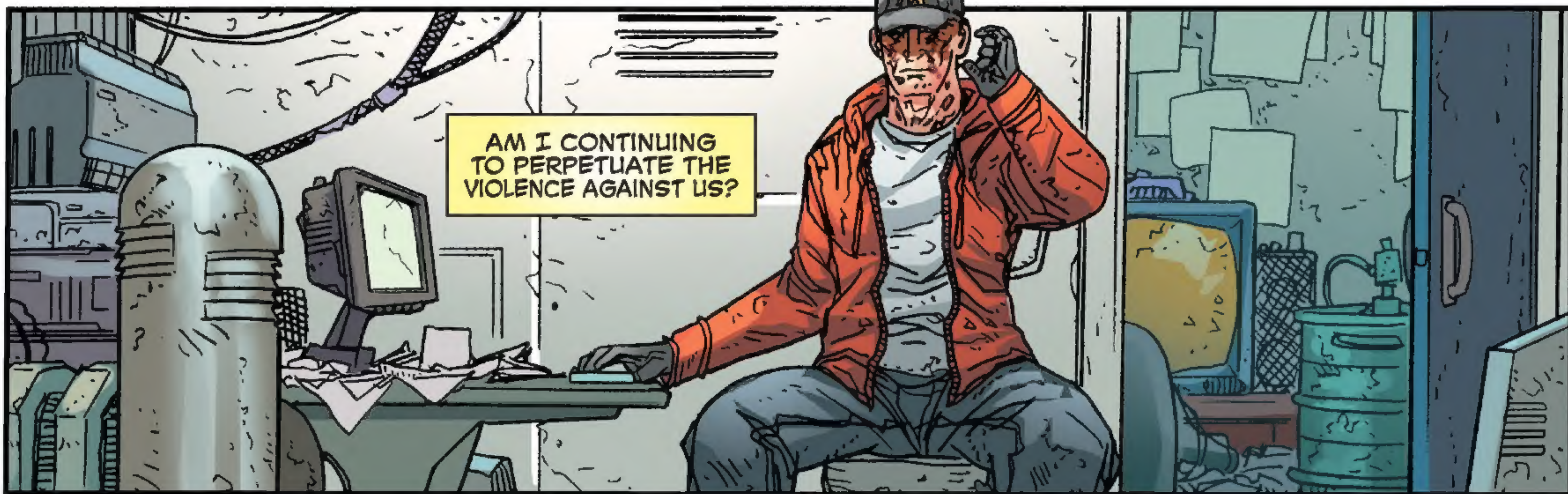
...EXCEPT I DON'T
THINK I KNOW
WHAT THAT IS.



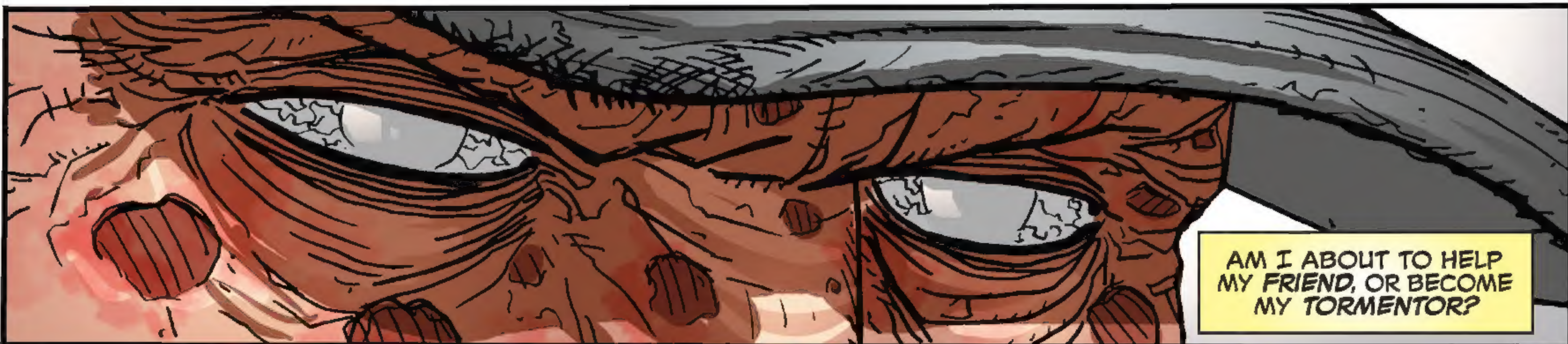
AM I DOING WHAT
LOGAN WOULD WANT?
OR WHAT I WANT?



AM I CONTINUING
TO PERPETUATE THE
VIOLENCE AGAINST US?



AM I ABOUT TO HELP
MY FRIEND, OR BECOME
MY TORMENTOR?



I HAVE TO SIT AND
THINK IT OVER FOR
A WHILE.





NATHAN